

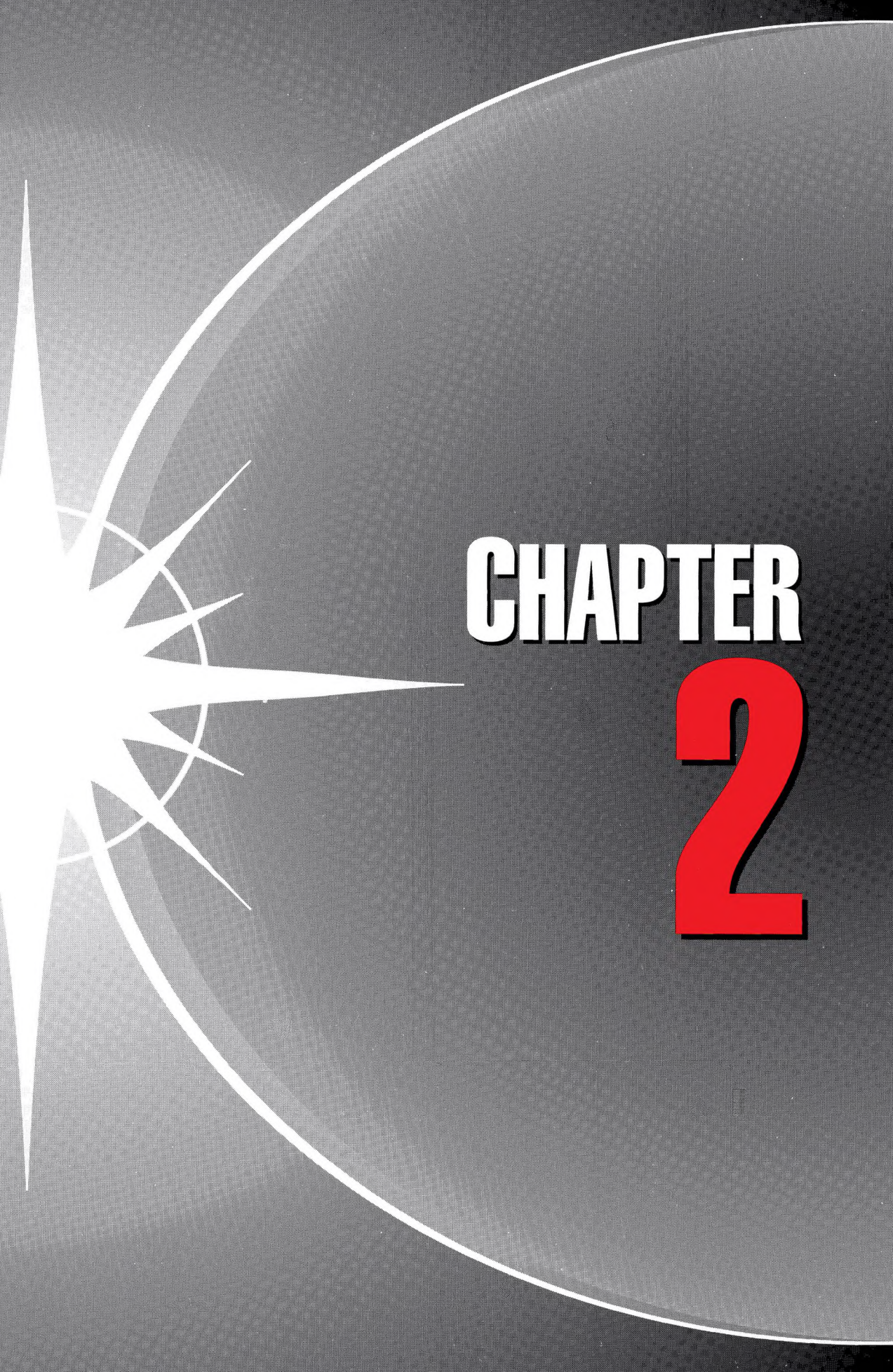


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... HE TRIED TO
KILL YOUR FATHER,
ALANNA!

AND YOU TOLD
HIM TO RUN AWAY?!
WHAT'S **WRONG**
WITH YOU?!



HE'S MY **HUSBAND**,
YOU **IDIOT** ...EVEN
IF YOU CAN'T DEAL
WITH THAT.

SOMETHING
WAS **WRONG**
WITH HIM.
AND YOU--
YOU **SHOT**
AT H--!

"SOMETHING
WAS **WRONG**"?!



HE'S AN **ANIMAL**!
COMPARED TO US
HE'S--

COMMANDER!
REMEMBER WHO
THIS IS.

REALLY,
DELAKEN.
YOUR
ANGER
DEMEANS
US ALL.

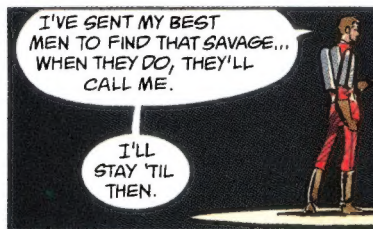
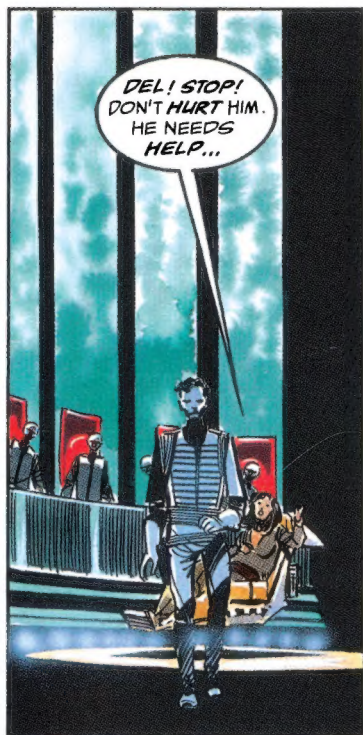


WHAT **SHOULD** I DO,
GREAT COUNCILLORS?
POLITELY **ASK** STRANGE
TO TURN HIMSELF
IN?



HE...HE'LL BE BACK.
HE WOULDN'T--

HE'LL BE
BACK, ALL RIGHT!
'CAUSE I'M GOING
TO **DRAG** HIM
BACK!!





EVEY, DON'T BE
RIDICULOUS! YOU
DON'T CHASE MEN
AWAY!

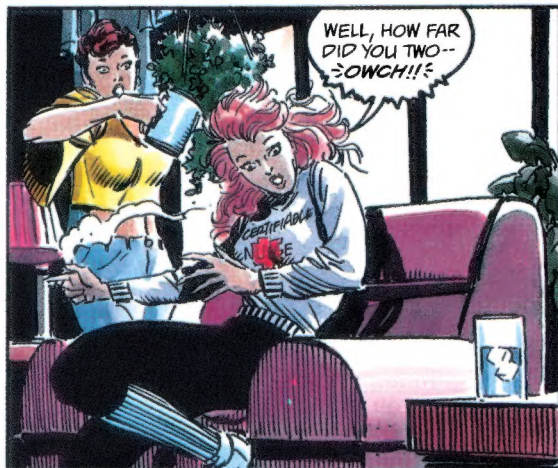
THIS GUY ADAMS
GOT PROBLEMS, IF YOU
ASK ME. MYSTERIOUS
LONG TRIPS AN' FAR
AWAY FLOOZIES

I'M
WORRIED ABOUT
YOU... YOUR
VACATION'S
ABOUT A YEAR
OVERDUE!



HE WAS
REALLY SWEET,
SUZE... BUT
KIND OF...
DISTANT.

SOUNDED LIKE
HE WASN'T COMING
BACK.



WELL, HOW FAR
DID YOU TWO--
OWCH!!?



YOU
O.K.?

YEAH... LEANED
ON SOME KINDA
ROCK.

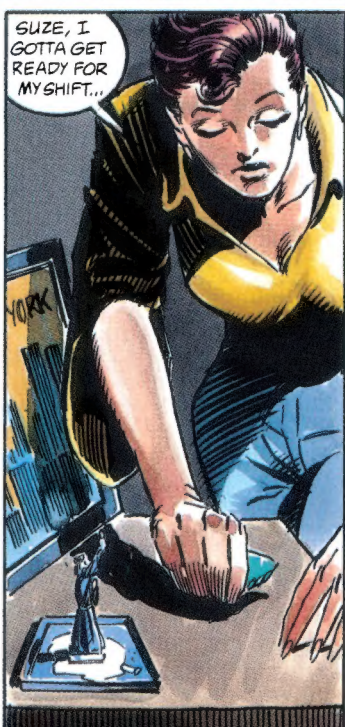


LET ME
SEE.

OH. I
THINK IT'S
ADAMS...

WHAT DO
YOU MEAN? HE
CARRIES HIS ROCK
COLLECTION AROUND
WITH HIM?!

NO, BUT
HE MUST'VE
LEFT...



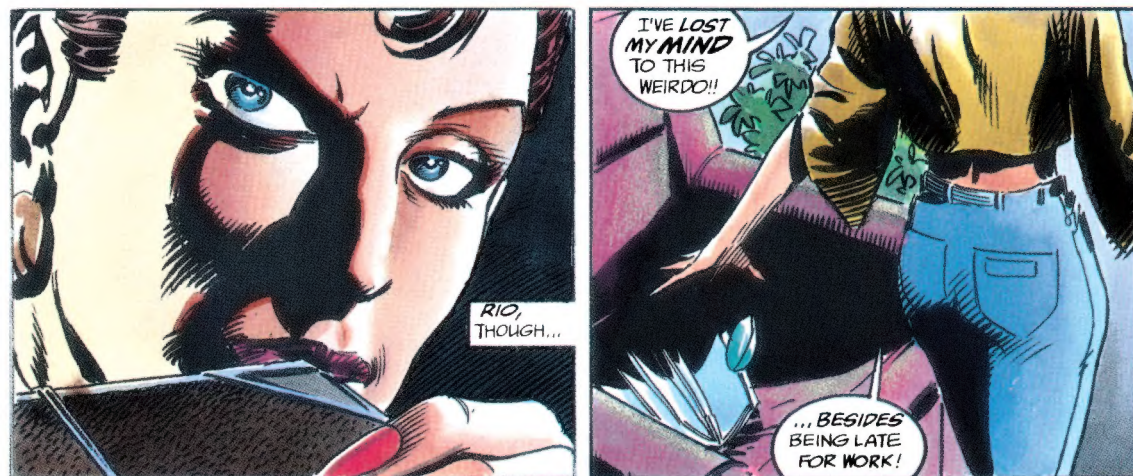
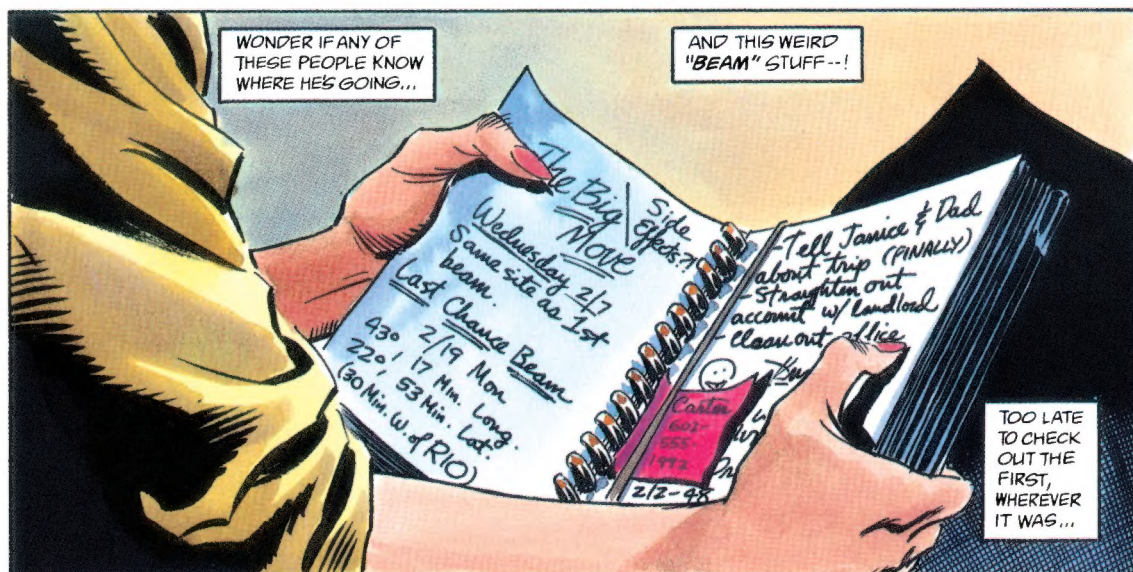
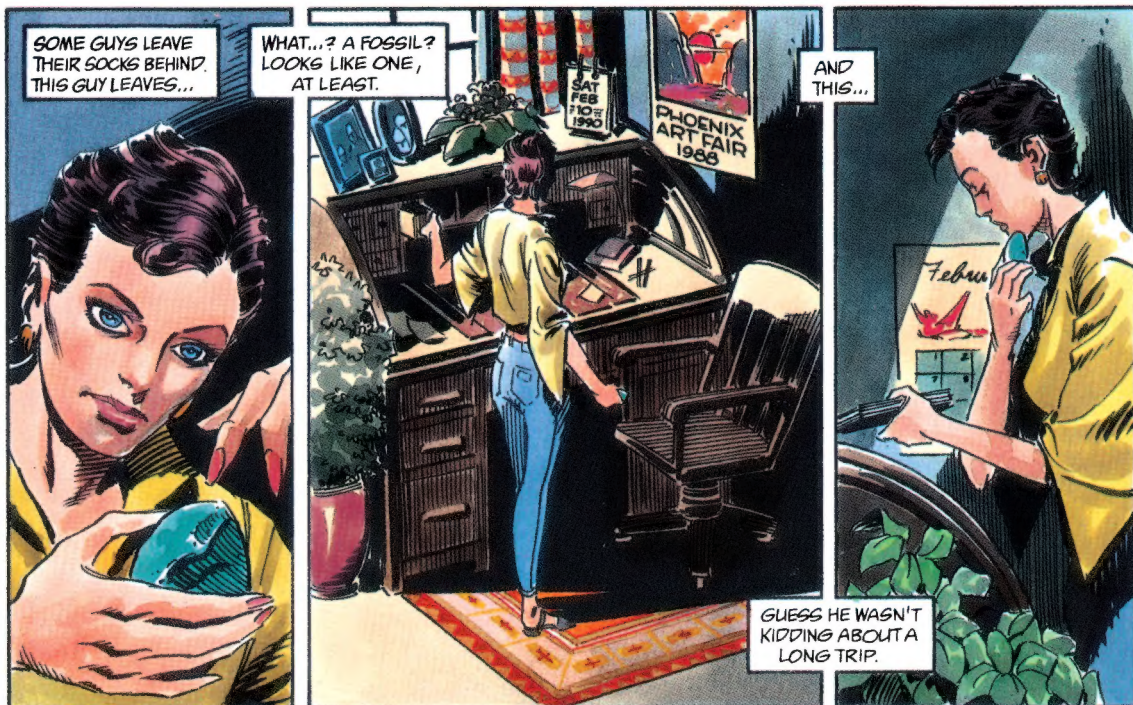
SUZE, I
GOTTA GET
READY FOR
MY SHIFT...

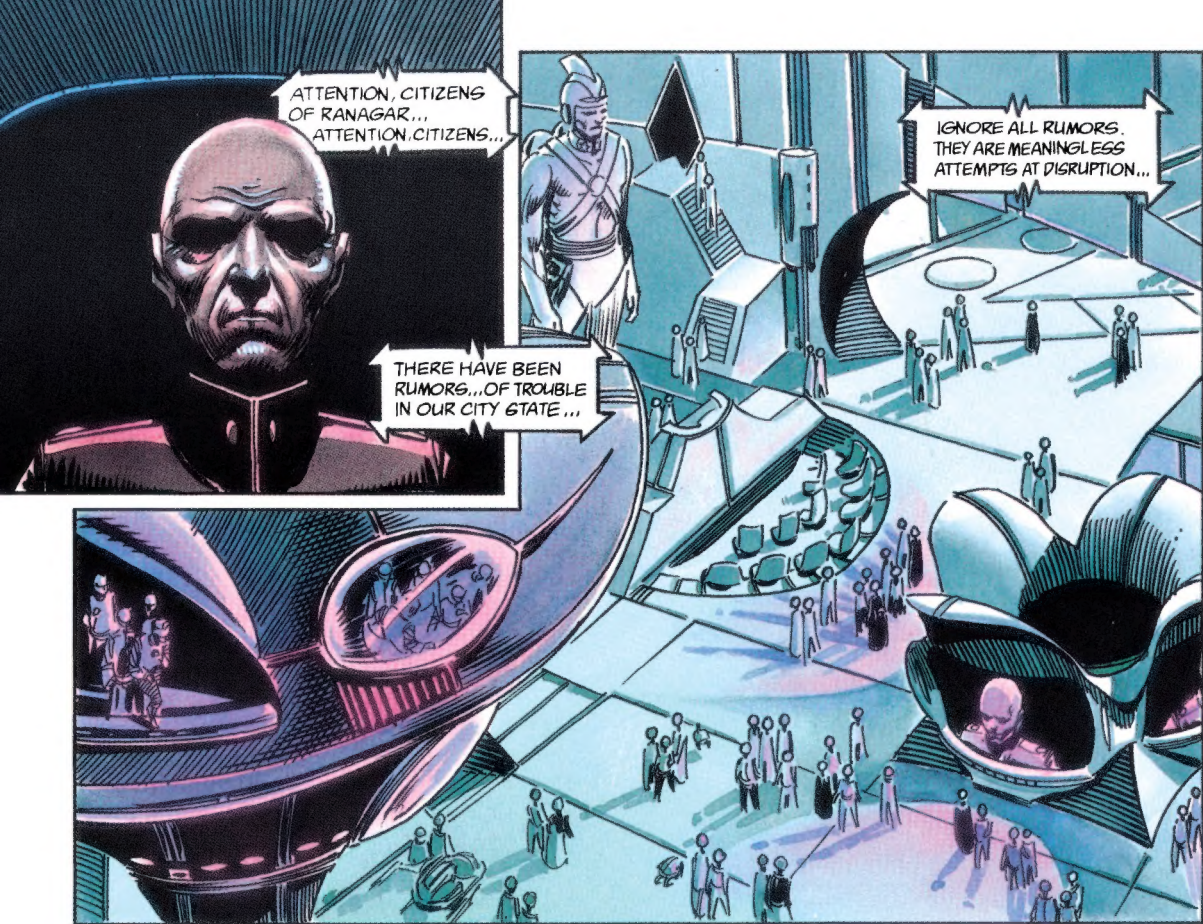


NO PROB. HEY, WANNA
MEET AT BOGART'S TONIGHT?
I PROMISE NOT TO INSULT
ANY GUYS YOU BRING...

I DON'T KNOW.
I AM KINDA BEAT.
MAYBE I'LL JUST
TAKE IT EASY
TONIGHT.

NOT A BAD IDEA,
DOC. FORGET MEN AND
WORK. THINK REST AND
RELAXATION. SEE YA
TOMORROW...





ATTENTION, CITIZENS
OF RANAGAR...
ATTENTION, CITIZENS...

IGNORE ALL RUMORS.
THEY ARE MEANINGLESS
ATTEMPTS AT DISRUPTION...

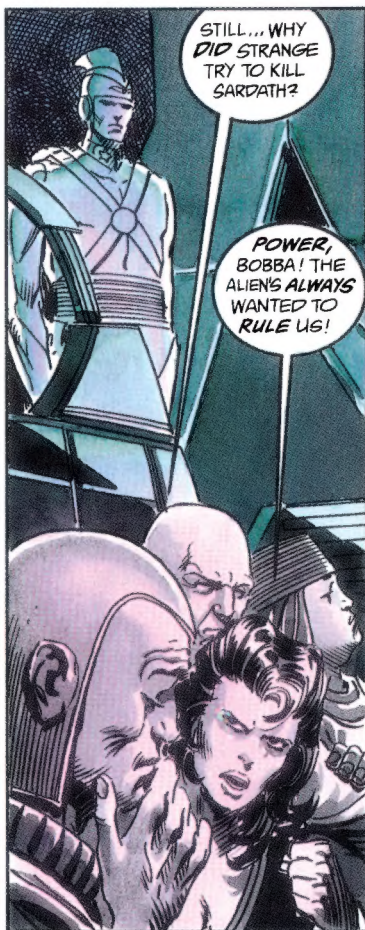
THERE HAVE BEEN
RUMORS...OF TROUBLE
IN OUR CITY STATE...



IF YOU SEE THE ALIEN, ADAM
STRANGE, NOTIFY A CITYGUARD
IMMEDIATELY. OTHERWISE
PROCEED AS NORMAL. THE
HIGH COUNCIL INSURES YOUR
SAFETY.

WELL, *THAT'S*
REASSURING!

THEY KNOW
THEY'RE IN TROUBLE.
GOOD!



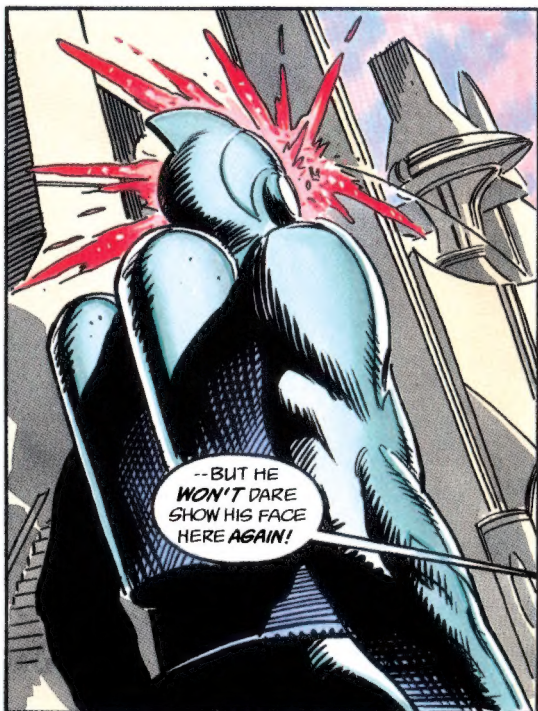
STILL... WHY
DID STRANGE
TRY TO KILL
SARDATH?

POWER,
BOBBA! THE
ALIENS ALWAYS
WANTED TO
RULE US!



BUT WASN'T HE ALREADY
IN SARDATH'S FAMILY?

THE
EARTHLING
WANTS IT ALL!
CAN'T YOU
SEE?!

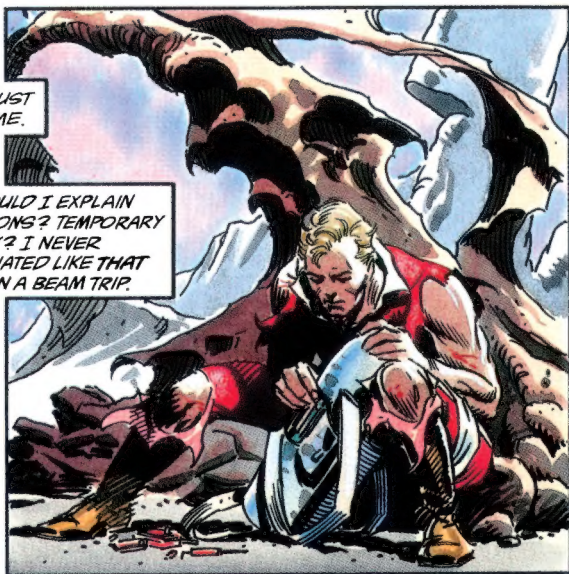




WHAT IF
HE DIES?

SHE MUST
HATE ME.

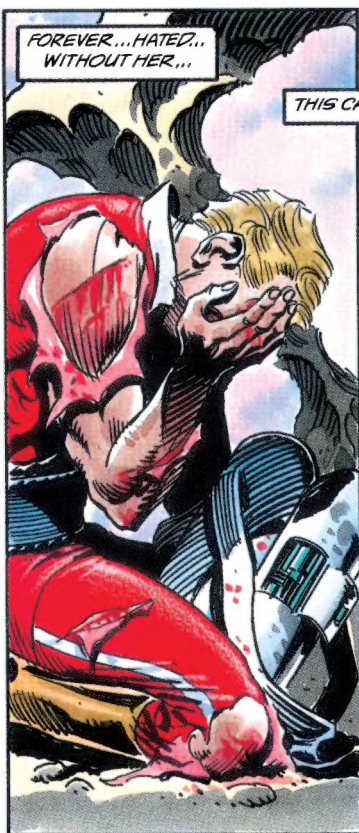
HOW COULD I EXPLAIN
MY ACTIONS? TEMPORARY
INSANITY? I NEVER
HALLUCINATED LIKE THAT
BEFORE IN A BEAM TRIP.



IS THAT HOW I
REALLY SEE
SARDATH??



OH, GOD-- IF THAT MEGA-ZETA
BEAM REALLY WORKED, I'M
HERE FOREVER!

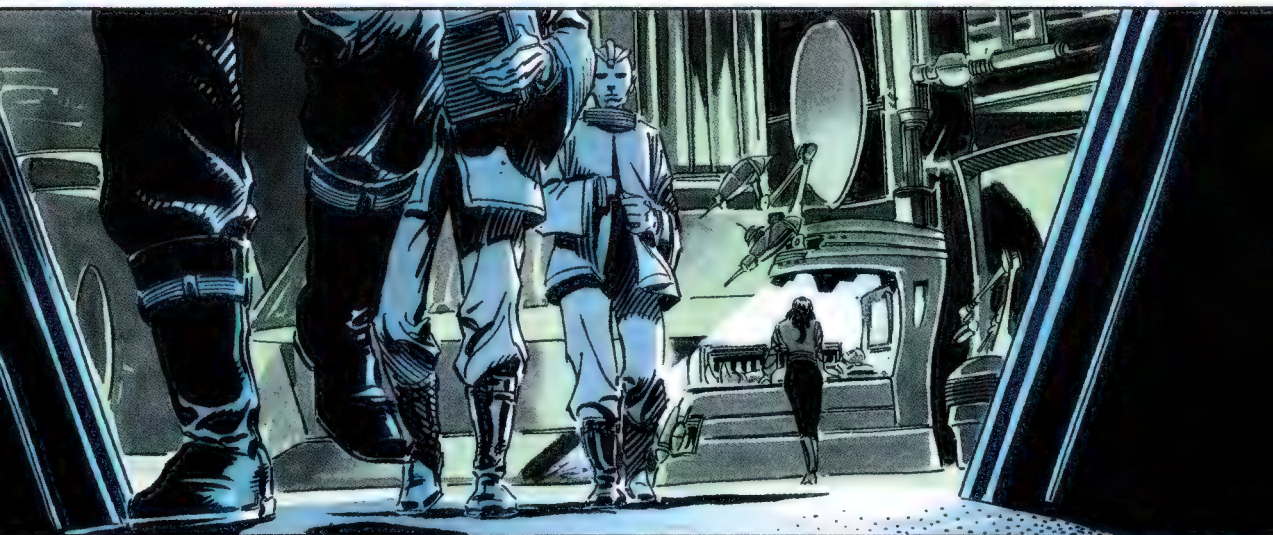
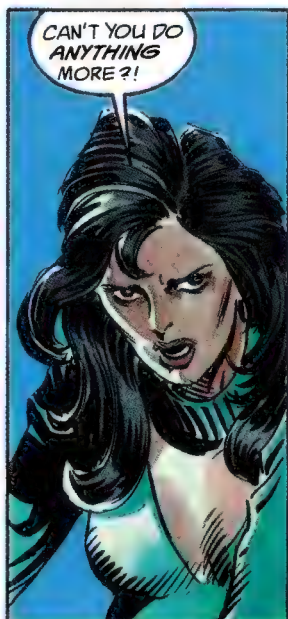


FOREVER...HATED..
WITHOUT HER...

THIS CAN'T--



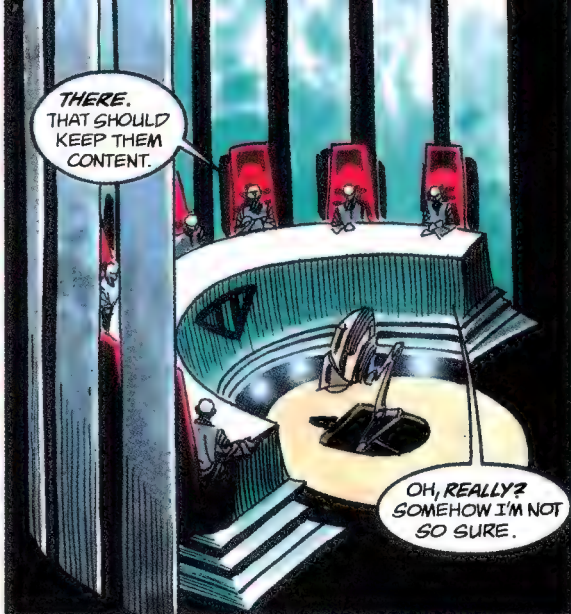
--CAN'T BE
HAPPENING!





...REPEAT,
NO CAUSE FOR
ALARM.

IF THE ALIEN IS SIGHTED,
NOTIFY A CITYGUARD **IMMEDIATELY**.
EVERYTHING IS UNDER CONTROL.
THE SITUATION IS **NORMAL**.



THERE.
THAT SHOULD
KEEP THEM
CONTENT.

OH, REALLY?
SOMEHOW I'M NOT
SO SURE.



DO NOT SPEAK SO. WE
AGREED THIS WAS THE
APPROACH TO TAKE WITH
THE POPULACE.

YOU MEAN WE **ACQUIESCED**
TO YOUR PLAN. I STATED
BEFORE: A **FIRMER**
APPROACH IS
NECESSARY.

AS
DID
I.



ONLY AFTER I MADE
MY STANCE KNOWN: **YOU**
HAVE NO CAPACITY FOR
LEADERSHIP!

AM I TO INFER **YOU**
DO?! SARDATH WOULD
OBLIVIOUSLY AGREE WITH
MY APPROACH.

DO NOT SPEAK
SO. SARDATH **FREQUENTLY**
AGREED WITH ME!

SARDATH
SPEAKS AND **YOU**
CONCUR!



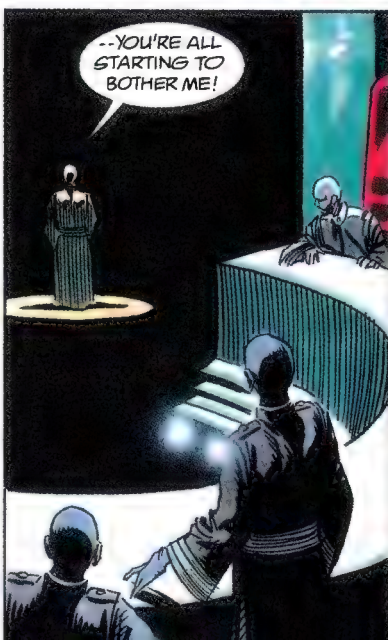
BECAUSE THEY WERE
HIS IDEAS! YOU'VE **NEVER**
EXPRESSED AN ORIGINAL
THOUGHT IN YOUR EXISTENCE!



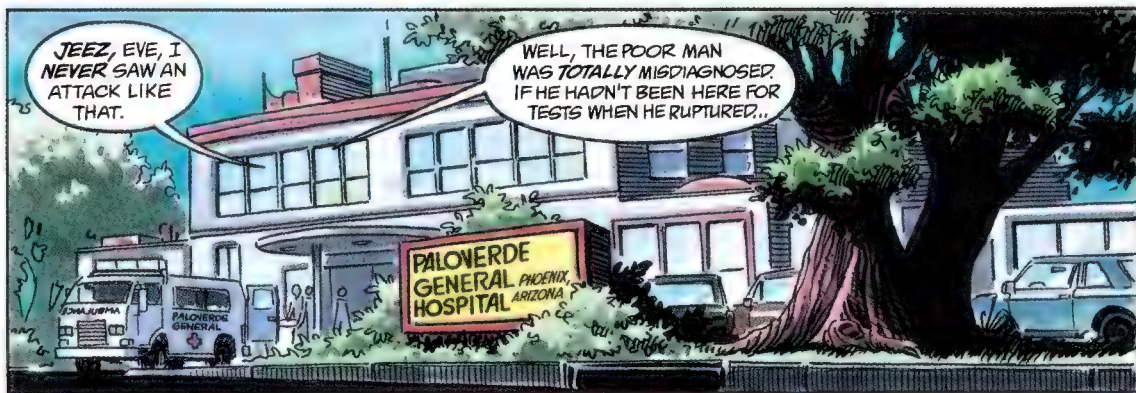
YOU ARE ALL **BABBLING!**
I WILL LISTEN TO NO
MORE.

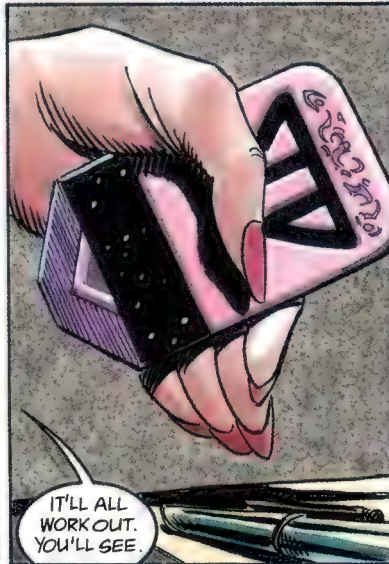
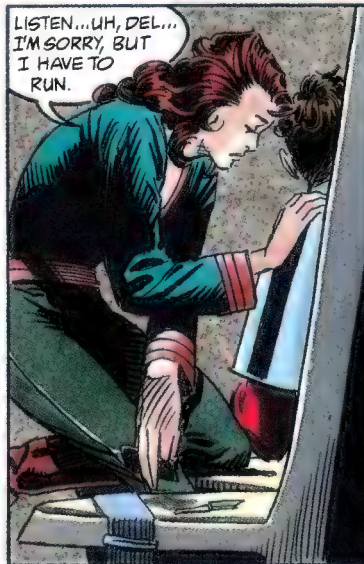
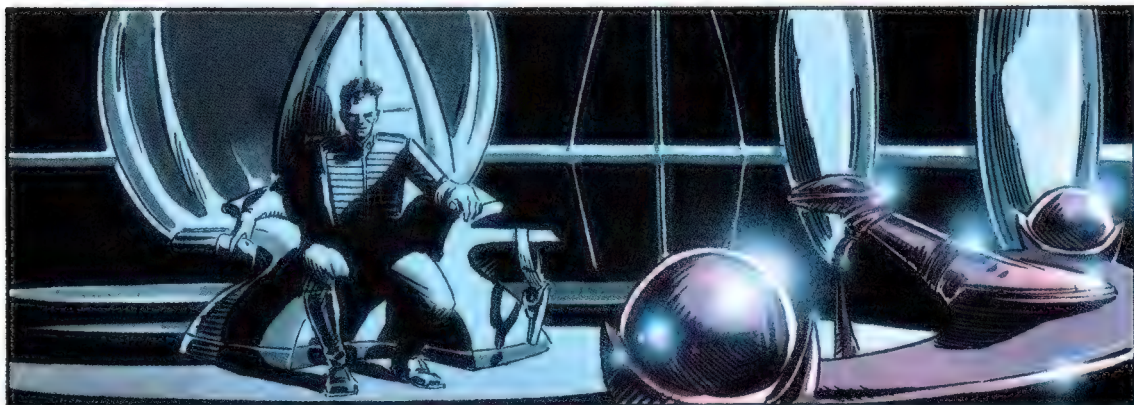
WHERE
ARE **YOU**
GOING?!

MY CHAMBERS--



--YOU'RE ALL
STARTING TO
BOTHER ME!







DR. SCHWARTZ? SIR, THIS IS DR. EVELYN FOX, IN PHOENIX, CALLING.

I'M TRYING TO LOCATE A COLLEAGUE OF YOURS, ADAM STRANGE...

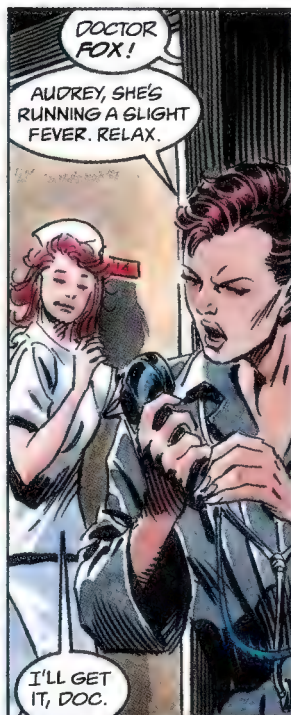
DR. FOX! MRS. LAWLOR IS SWEATING!

I'LL BE RIGHT THERE, AUDREY!



NOT YOU, SIR...WHAT? THE LAST TIME I SAW HIM? OH, A WEEK AGO. WOULD YOU HAVE ANY--?

YEAH, I'VE HEARD HE DOES TAKE "LONG TRIPS." BUT YOU...



DOCTOR FOX!

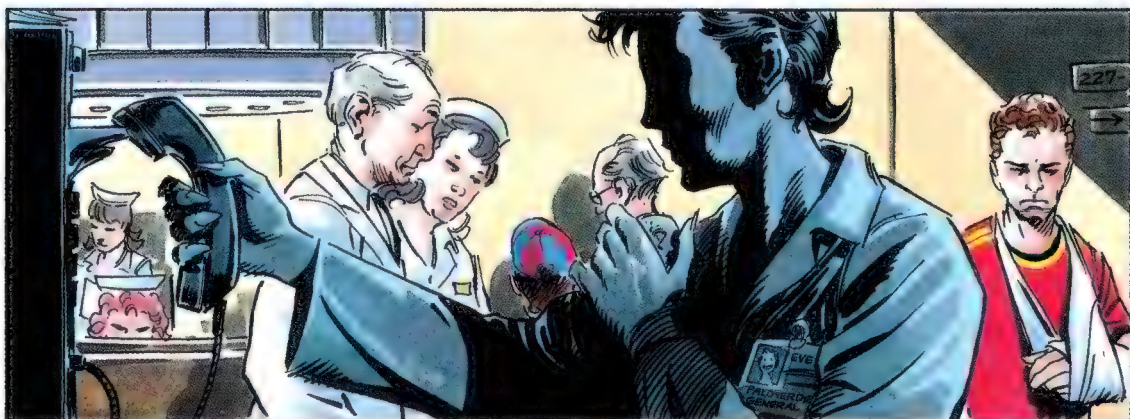
AUDREY, SHE'S RUNNING A SLIGHT FEVER. RELAX.

I'LL GET IT, DOC.



NO? ALL RIGHT, BUT...

YES. I'M BUSY ALSO. THANK YOU FOR--OKAY, BUT IF HE CALLS, PLEASE ASK HIM--YES... GOODBY--

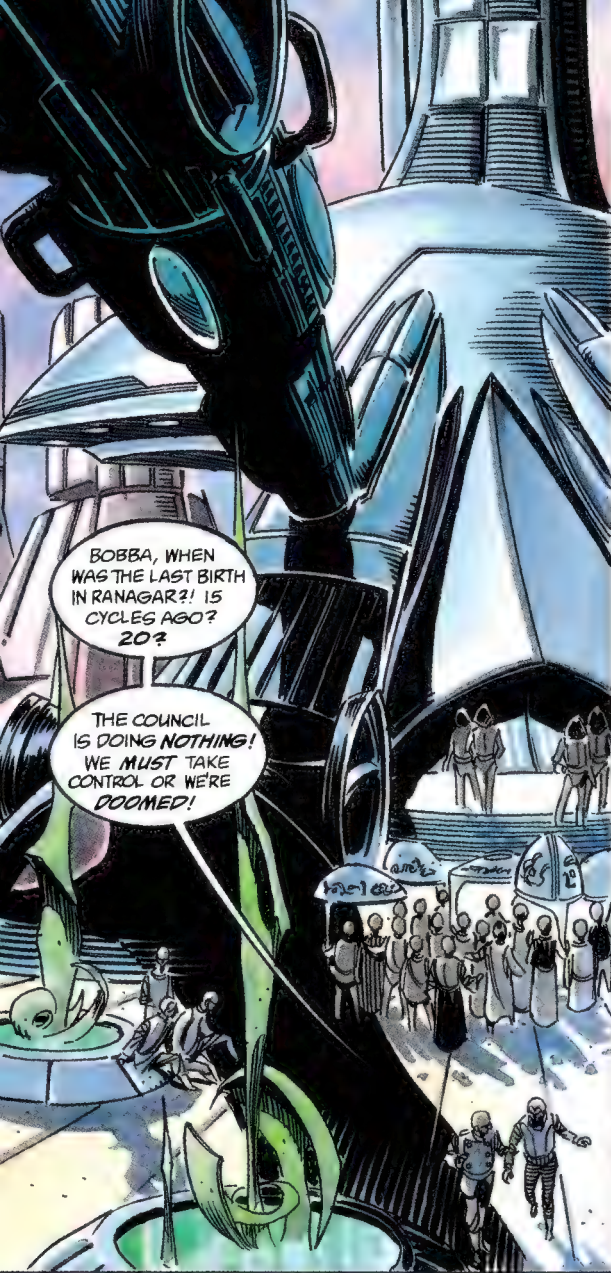


MRS. LAWLOR'S FINE, EVE. AUDREY'S JUST A BUNDLE OF NERVES. WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE?



DR. FOX... EUROPSY IN 24-B... DR. FOX...

GOT NONE. SORRY, KIDDO, GOTTA RUN. THANKS FOR THE HELP.



BOBBA, WHEN
WAS THE LAST BIRTH
IN RANAGAR?! 15
CYCLES AGO? 20?

THE COUNCIL
IS DOING NOTHING!
WE MUST TAKE
CONTROL OR WE'RE
DOOMED!



I KNOW... BUT
THERE'LL BE BLOOD-
SHED IF WE KEEP
THIS UP. WE'RE
NOT SAVAGES...
LIKE HIM.

NAVELO, LISTEN...
MAYBE THEIR PROPOSAL
FOR CLONING
BABIES--

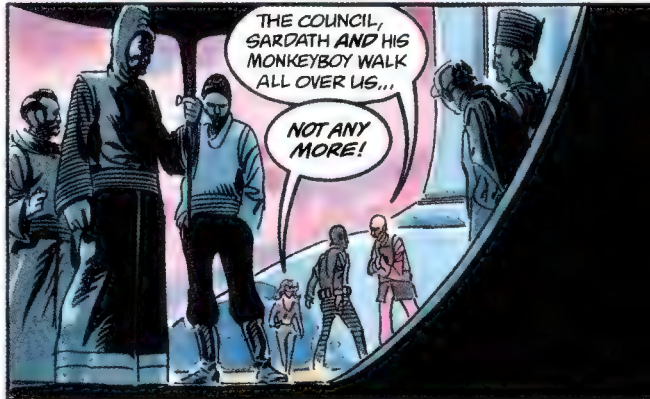
NO!! WE'VE
BEEN OVER THIS
BEFORE! IT'S
DEPLORABLE!



DO YOU WANT
EVERYONE TO BE
LIKE THE HOLLOW
MEN ON THE
COUNCIL?!

NO. OF COURSE NOT.
I... JUST WORRY
THAT--

YOU'VE SAID
WE'VE BECOME
LIFELESS CREA-
TURES, DEPENDENT
UPON THE
MACHINES!



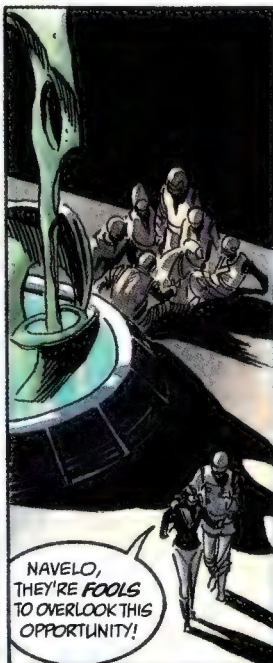
THE COUNCIL,
SARDATH AND HIS
MONKEYBOY WALK
ALL OVER US...

NOT ANY
MORE!



WE'LL ANNOUNCE
THE REVOLUTION...
FROM THEIR
CHAMBERS!







I--I'M SORRY ABOUT BEFORE...WITH THE COUNCIL.. I WAS ANGRY. AT YOU AND THEM.

I KNOW. BUT, DEL... IF YOU FIND HIM, DON'T HURT HIM. PLEASE?



ALL RIGHT. BUT FOR NOW, YOU'RE MY CONCERN. YOU AND SARDATH.

WHY ARE THEY HARASSING US, DEL? MY FATHER SPENT HIS ENTIRE LIFE TRYING TO HELP RANAGAR.



WELL, NOT EVERYONE SEES IT THAT WAY. I JUST HOPE IT DOESN'T GET OUT OF HAND

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?



THE CITYGUARD CAN HANDLE RANAGAR--

--BUT IF ZARED-- OR ANOTHER CITYSTATE-- LEARNS OF OUR CONDITION...



DEL? WITHOUT FATHER... OR ADAM AROUND, I FEEL SO--

ALONE?



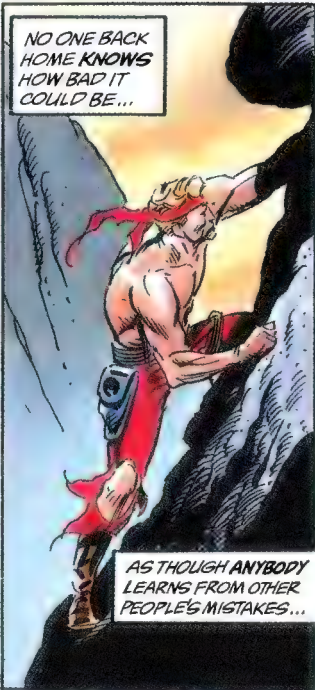
YES, DEAR. I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN...



SO
BARREN...

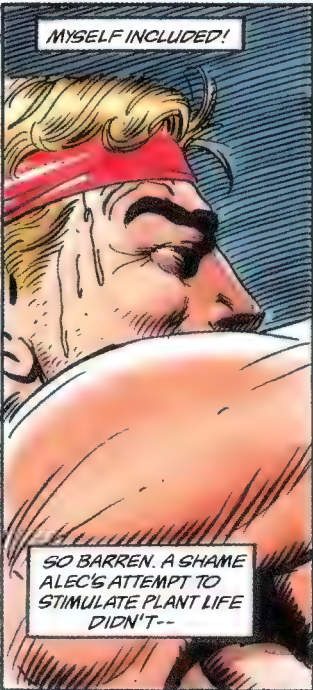
...A THOUSAND YEARS
SINCE THEIR NUCLEAR
WAR, AND THE PLANET
STILL HASN'T
RECOVERED.

NO ONE BACK
HOME KNOWS
HOW BAD IT
COULD BE...

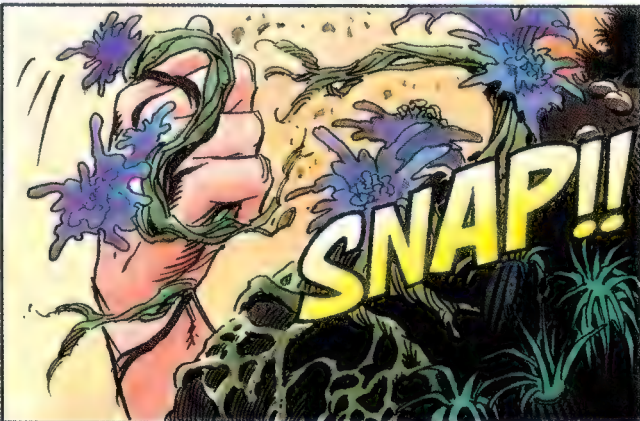


AS THOUGH ANYBODY
LEARNS FROM OTHER
PEOPLE'S MISTAKES...

MYSELF INCLUDED!



SO BARREN. A SHAME
ALEC'S ATTEMPT TO
STIMULATE PLANT LIFE
DIDN'T--

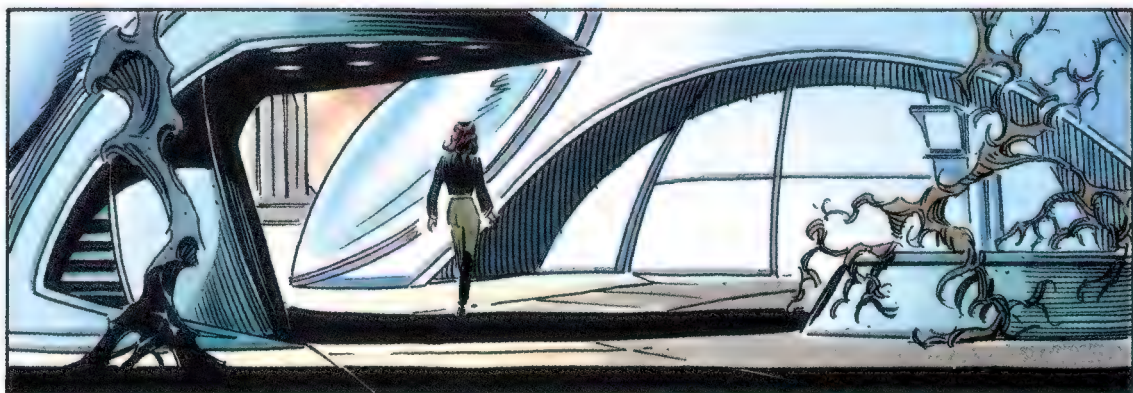


= OOOFF! =



What the--





KRENT! IT'S ME!
OPEN UP!!

WHAT'S
WRONG WITH THE
DOOR?

MAYBE
YOU'D BETTER
GO, MARLEAH.



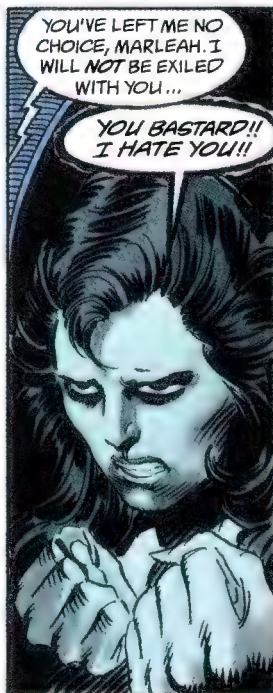
GO?! THIS IS MY
HOME! WHAT'S GOING
ON?!

I KNOW WHAT
YOU'VE BEEN UP TO.
I...THINK IT BEST
IF YOU STAY AWAY--
FOR A WHILE.



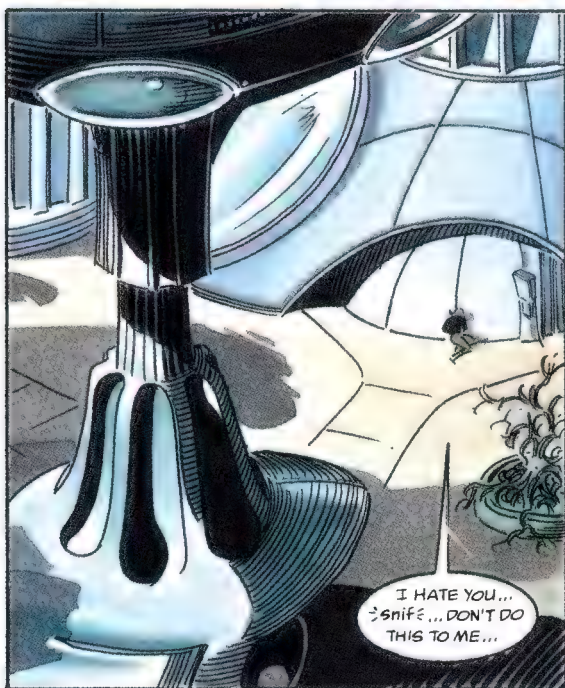
KRENT!! NO!!
DON'T DO THIS!!

YOU'RE MY
HUSBAND! YOU
CAN'T KEEP ME
OUT...



YOU'VE LEFT ME NO
CHOICE, MARLEAH. I
WILL NOT BE EXILED
WITH YOU...

YOU BASTARD!!
I HATE YOU!!



I HATE YOU...
~snife...DON'T DO
THIS TO ME...



I'LL SHOW YOU.
I'LL SHOW YOU
ALL!



ALMOST TAKES
THE PAIN AWAY...



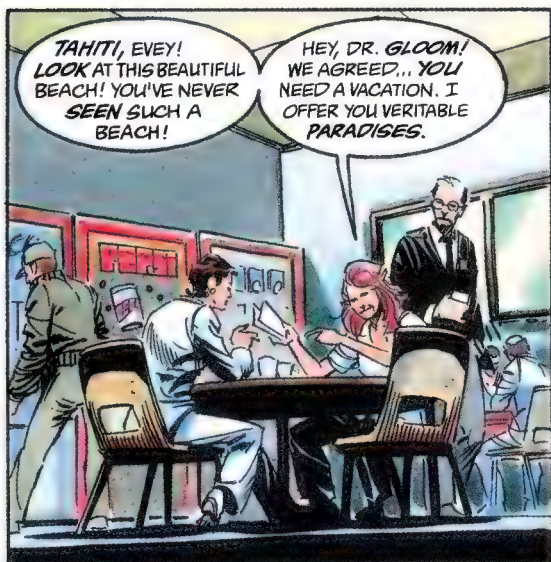
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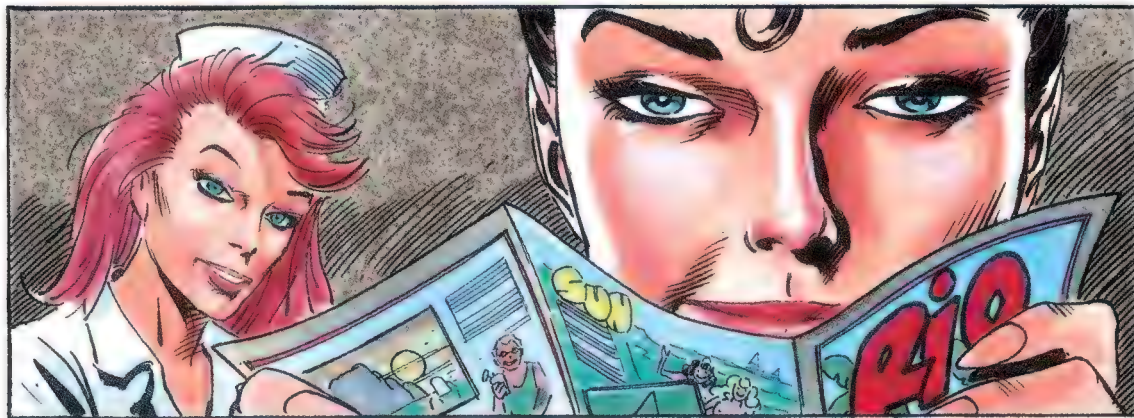
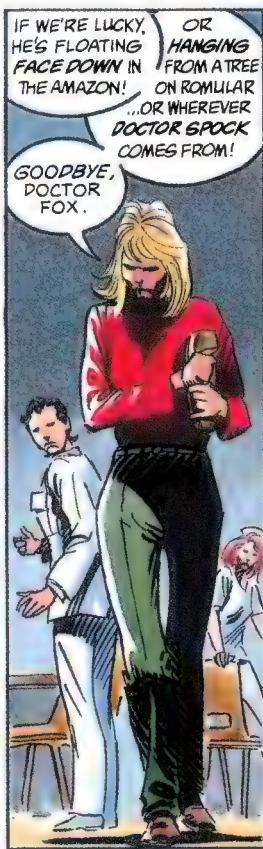
LOOKS
GOOD...



GOD, I'M
TIRED...









KLENTO NON VREEN!



ANUMA-ARIG...



FAO-MAGALA!



JAKAAS TALO! JAKAAS TALO!

KODALIHT MAREEN!

JAKAAS TALO! JAKAAS TALO!

FASCINATING!

SOME KIND OF
RELIGION.

KONN TOOR REE... SALIMBA TONORR... RANNA RANN...

SARDATH
NEVER SAID
ANYTHING...

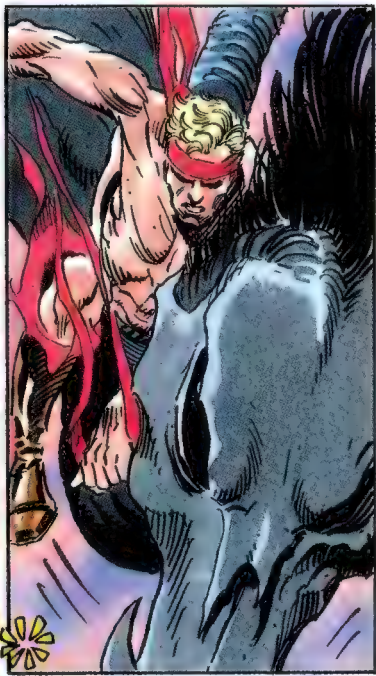
SE JAKAAS HART... DORO TONATREE... RANNA RANN...

GOTTA TRY...

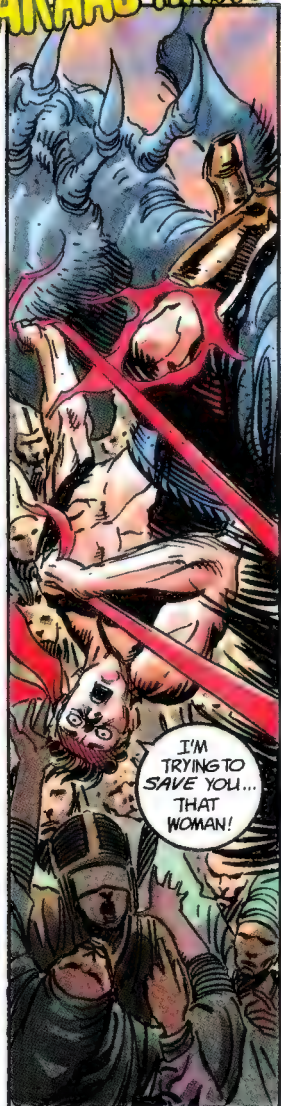
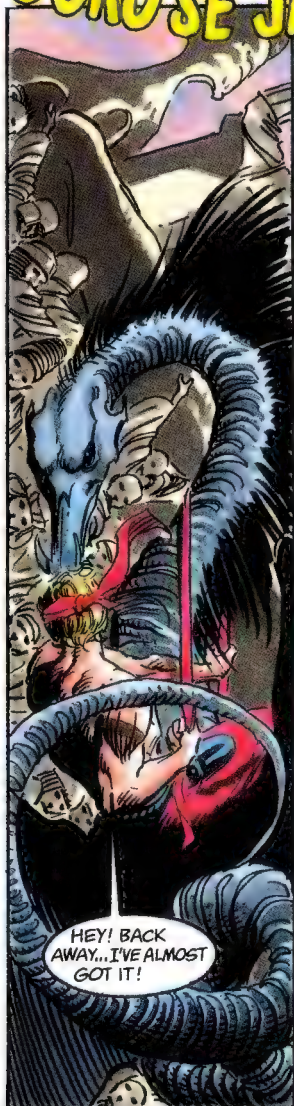
UH-OH!

BO...BO... DELHA KOORAI'S HED... JAKAAS A RANNA RANN...

OH JEEZ...



DORO SE JAKAAS HARTI...TEHRU*





YOU CAME.
YOU'RE BRAVER
THAN I THOUGHT.



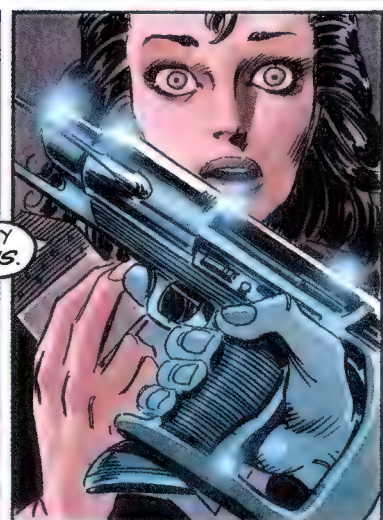
DON'T BE AN ASS,
NAVELO. I'M AS SERIOUS
ABOUT THIS AS
YOU.

DO
YOU HAVE
THE ENTRY
CARD?



OF COURSE. YOU WANTED ME
TO CREATE A DIVERSION IN THERE.
ANY BRIGHT IDEAS *HOW*?

TRY
THIS.



THE CARD WILL GET ME INTO
COMMUNICATIONS. YOU HEAD
FOR THEIR PRIVATE
QUARTERS.

BUT...BUT...I CAN'T
SHOOT ANYONE...

LOOK, YOU
JUST NEED TO
DRAW THEIR
ATTENTION.

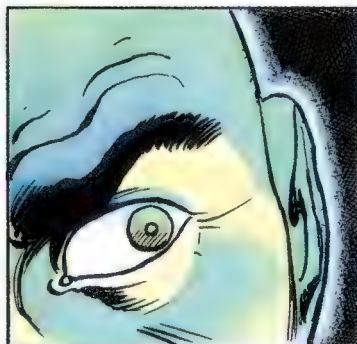
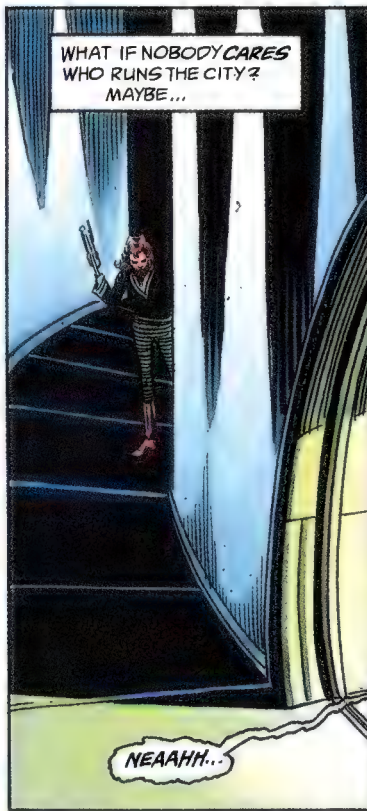


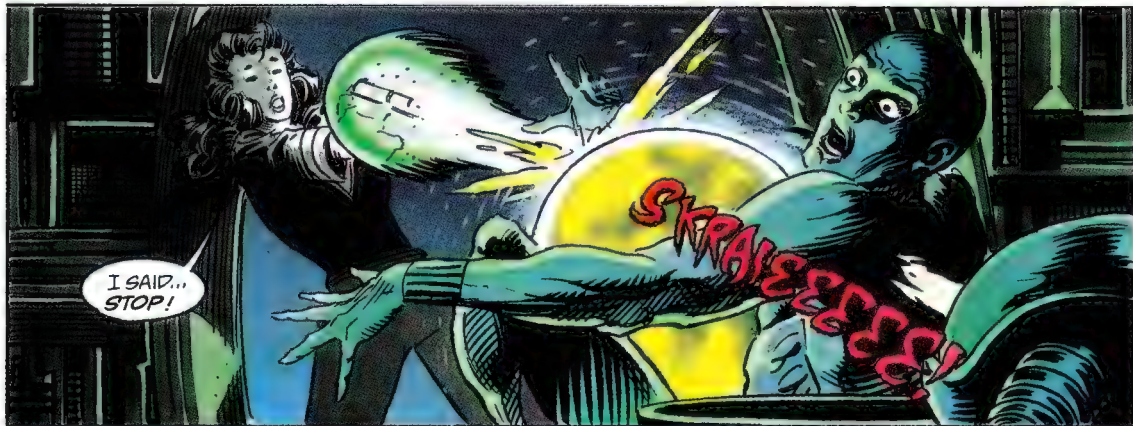
I'LL LOOP OUR MESSAGE INTO ALL
PUBLIC VIDScreens AND LOCK THE
SYSTEM. WHEN THE PEOPLE FIND OUT
HOW HELPLESS THE COUNCIL
AND SARDATH ARE...

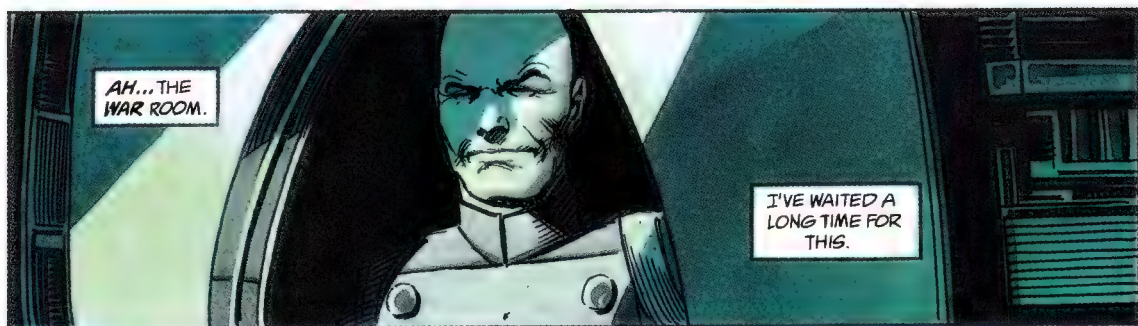
MARLEAH, *DON'T*
BACK OUT NOW. IT'S TIME
TO STRIKE AND YOU
KNOW IT.

OR DO YOU
WANT TO TURN
AROUND AND
GO HOME?

NO...YOU'RE
RIGHT. THERE'S
NO GOING
BACK.

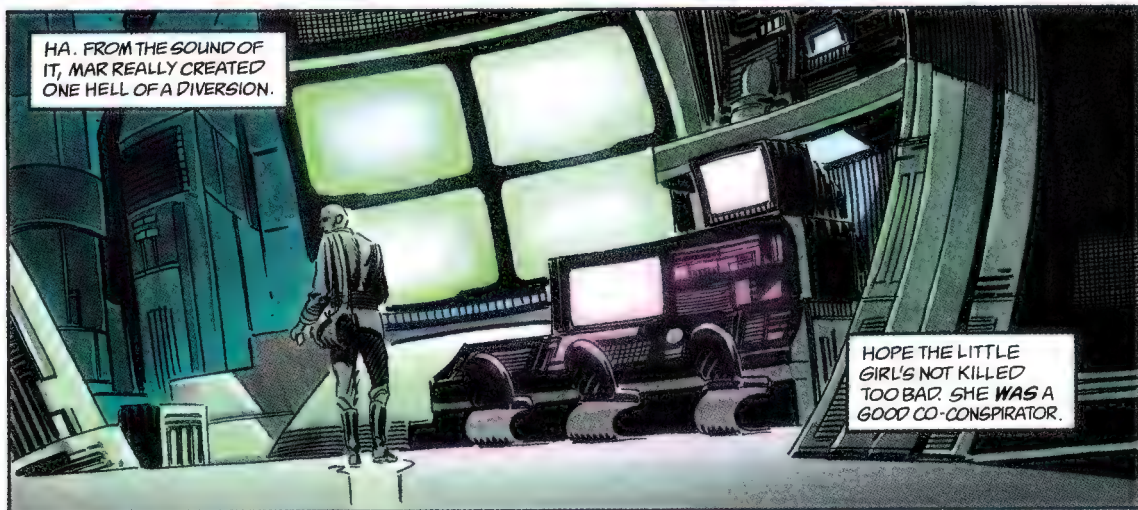






AH... THE
WAR ROOM.

I'VE WAITED A
LONG TIME FOR
THIS.

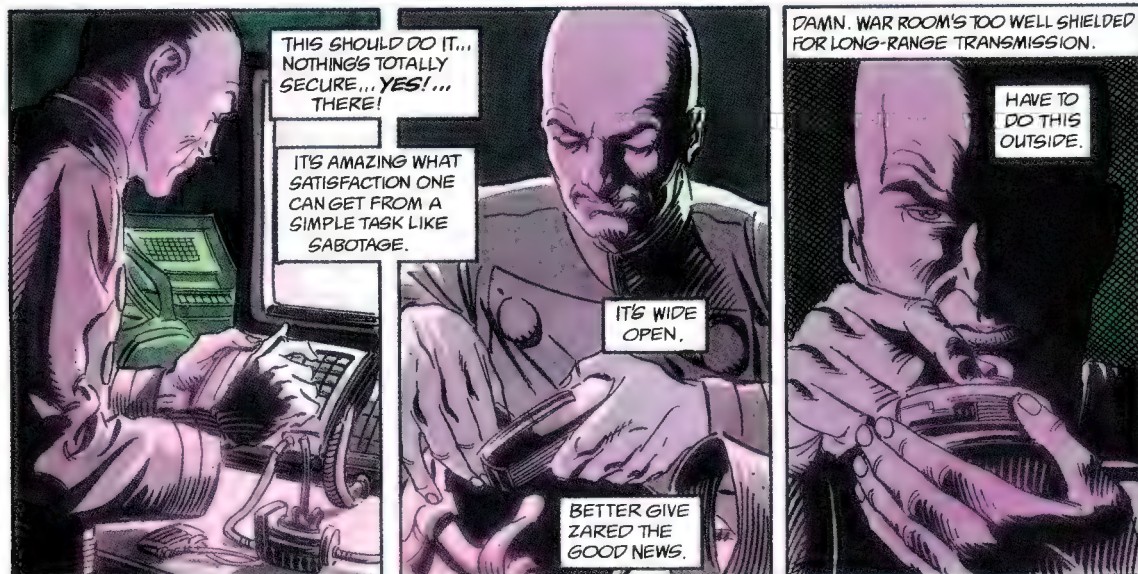


HA. FROM THE SOUND OF
IT, WAR REALLY CREATED
ONE HELL OF A DIVERSION.

HOPE THE LITTLE
GIRL'S NOT KILLED
TOO BAD. SHE **WAS** A
GOOD CO-CONSPIRATOR.



ALL RIGHT. LET'S
SEE WHAT DAMAGE
I CAN DO!



THIS SHOULD DO IT...
NOTHING'S TOTALLY
SECURE... **YES!**...
THERE!

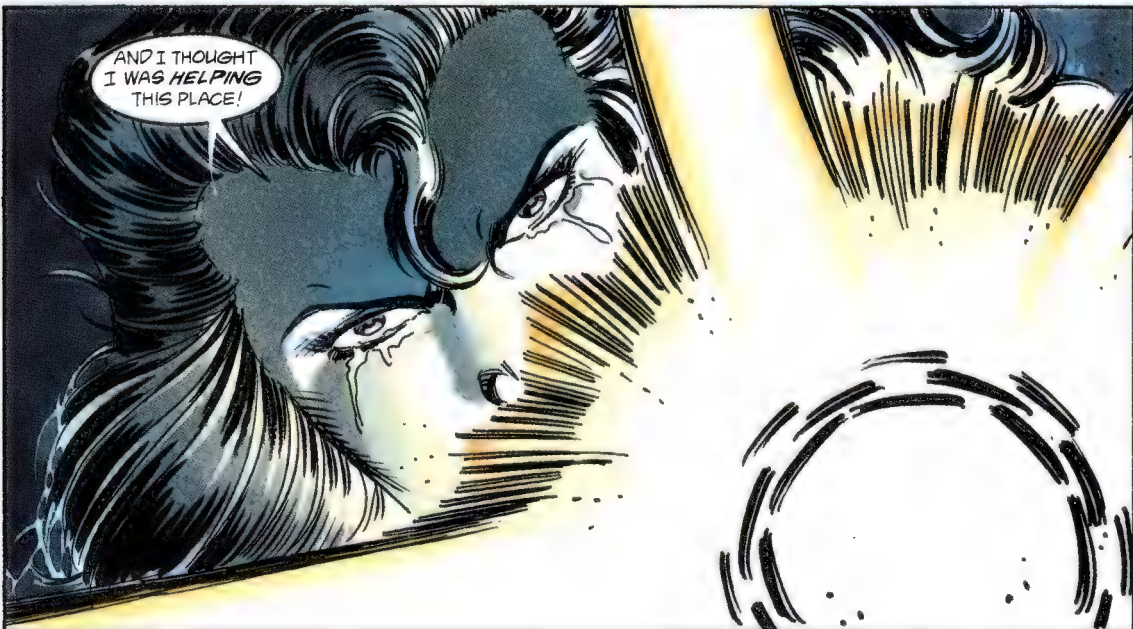
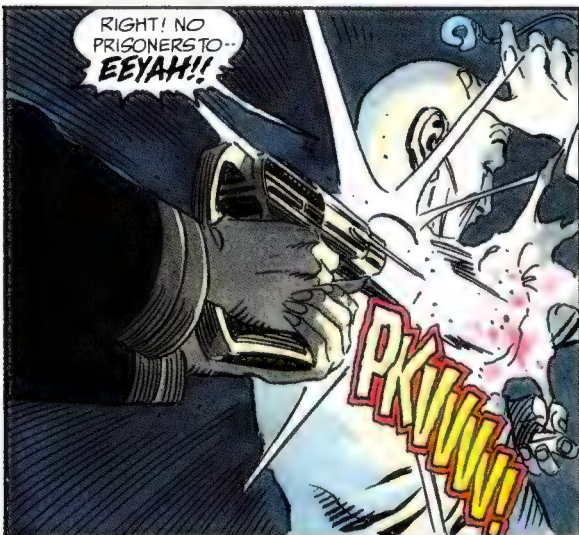
IT'S AMAZING WHAT
SATISFACTION ONE
CAN GET FROM A
SIMPLE TASK LIKE
SABOTAGE.

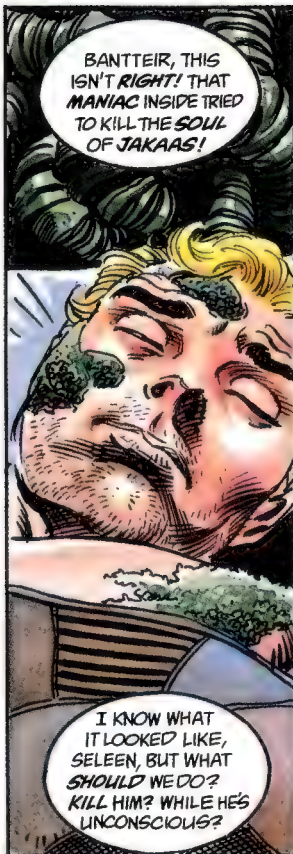
IT'S WIDE
OPEN.

BETTER GIVE
ZARED THE
GOOD NEWS.

DAMN. WAR ROOM'S TOO WELL SHIELDED
FOR LONG-RANGE TRANSMISSION.

HAVE TO
DO THIS
OUTSIDE.





BANTTEIR, THIS ISN'T RIGHT! THAT MANIAC INSIDE TRIED TO KILL THE SOUL OF JAKAAS!

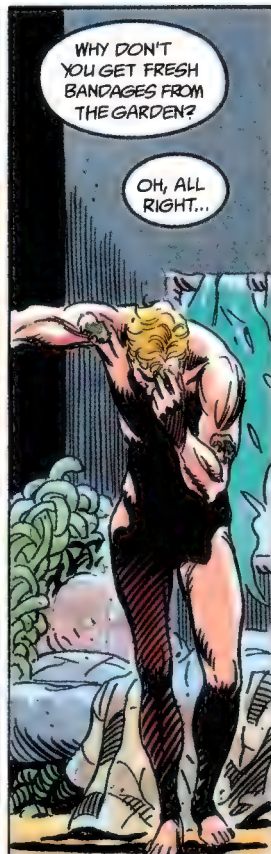
I KNOW WHAT IT LOOKED LIKE, SELEEN, BUT WHAT SHOULD WE DO? KILL HIM? WHILE HE'S UNCONSCIOUS?



OF COURSE NOT. I-I JUST DON'T LIKE NURSING A MADMAN...



YOU'RE NOT, DEAR. I AM.

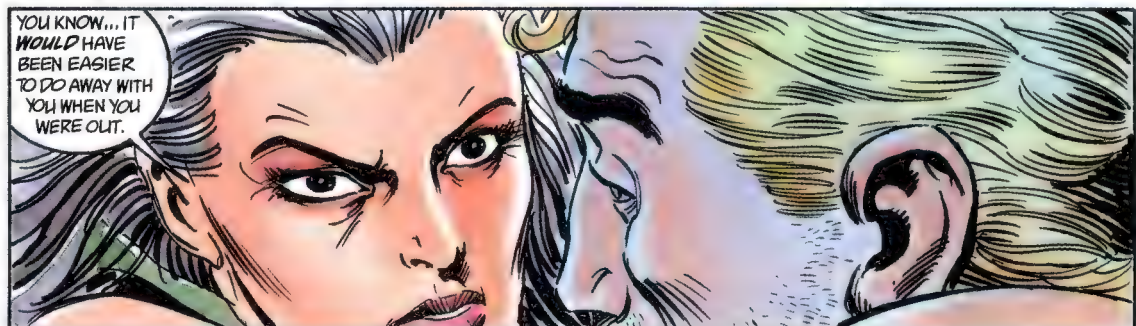


WHY DON'T YOU GET FRESH BANDAGES FROM THE GARDEN?

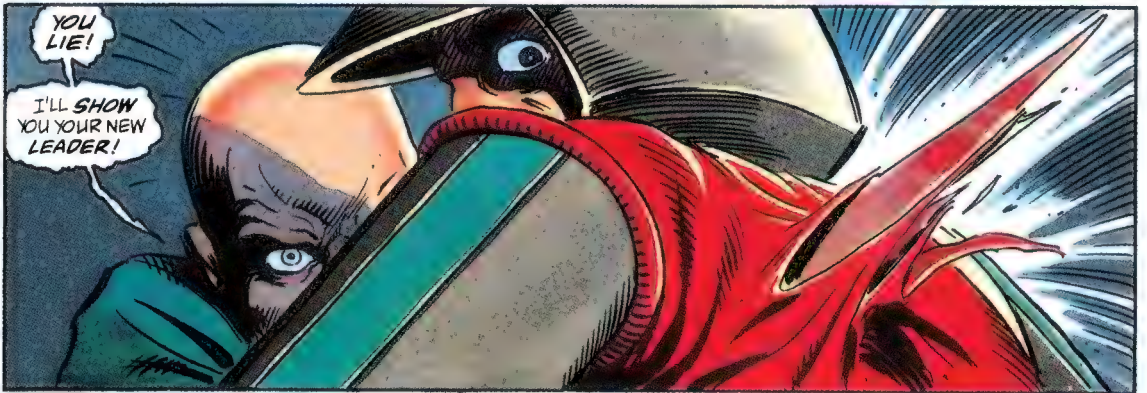
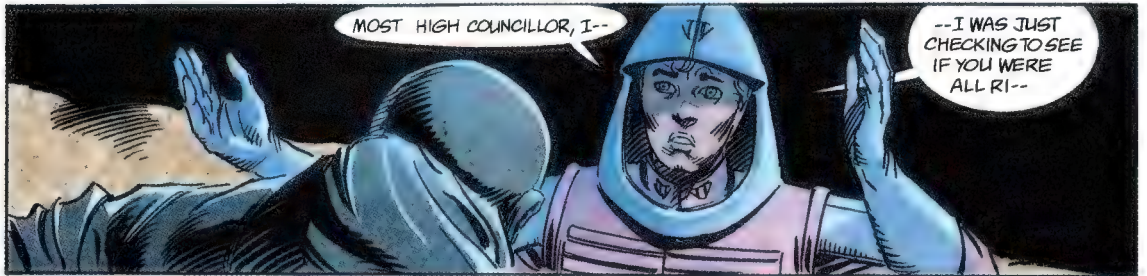
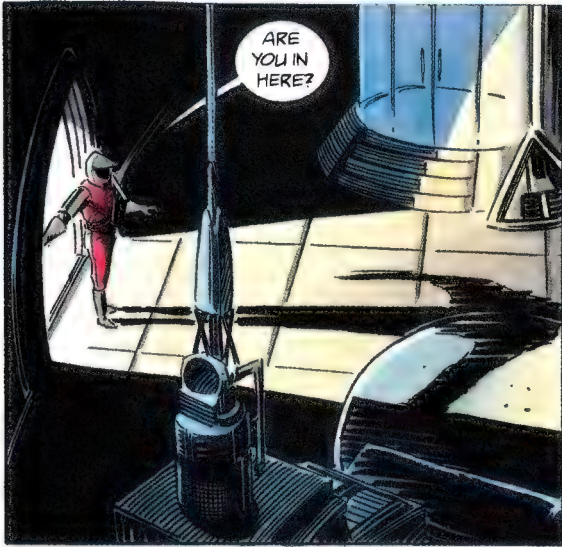
OH, ALL RIGHT...



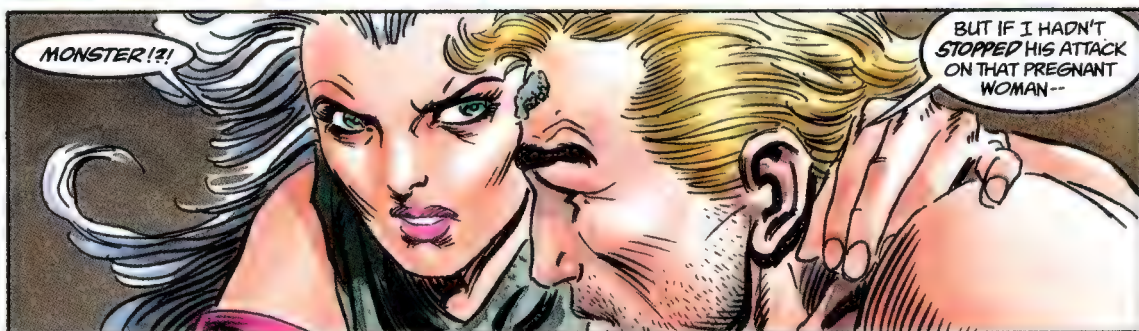
HEY! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?



YOU KNOW... IT WOULD HAVE BEEN EASIER TO DO AWAY WITH YOU WHEN YOU WERE OUT.





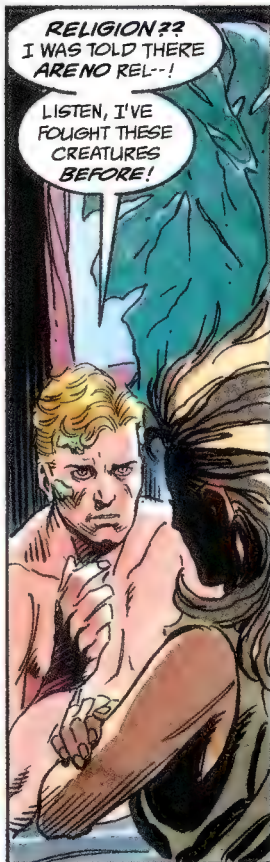




WELL THEN,
YOU'RE A TRAINED
IDIOT!

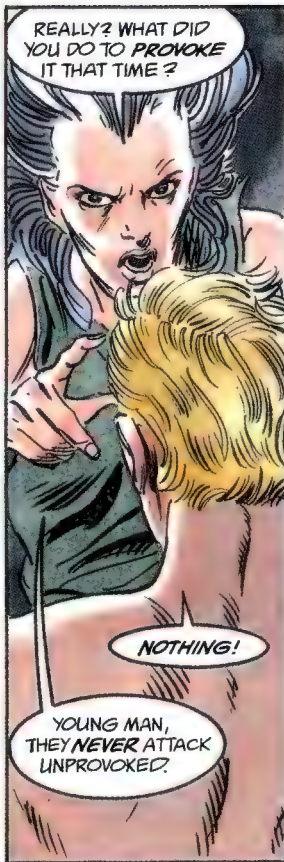
THAT "MONSTER"
ONE OF THE OLDEST
SPECIES ON RANN.

IT IS NIGH
EXTINCT AND IS HELD
SACRED BY THE DOMINANT
RELIGION ON RANN.



RELIGION??
I WAS TOLD THERE
ARE NO REL--!

LISTEN, I'VE
FOUGHT THESE
CREATURES
BEFORE!



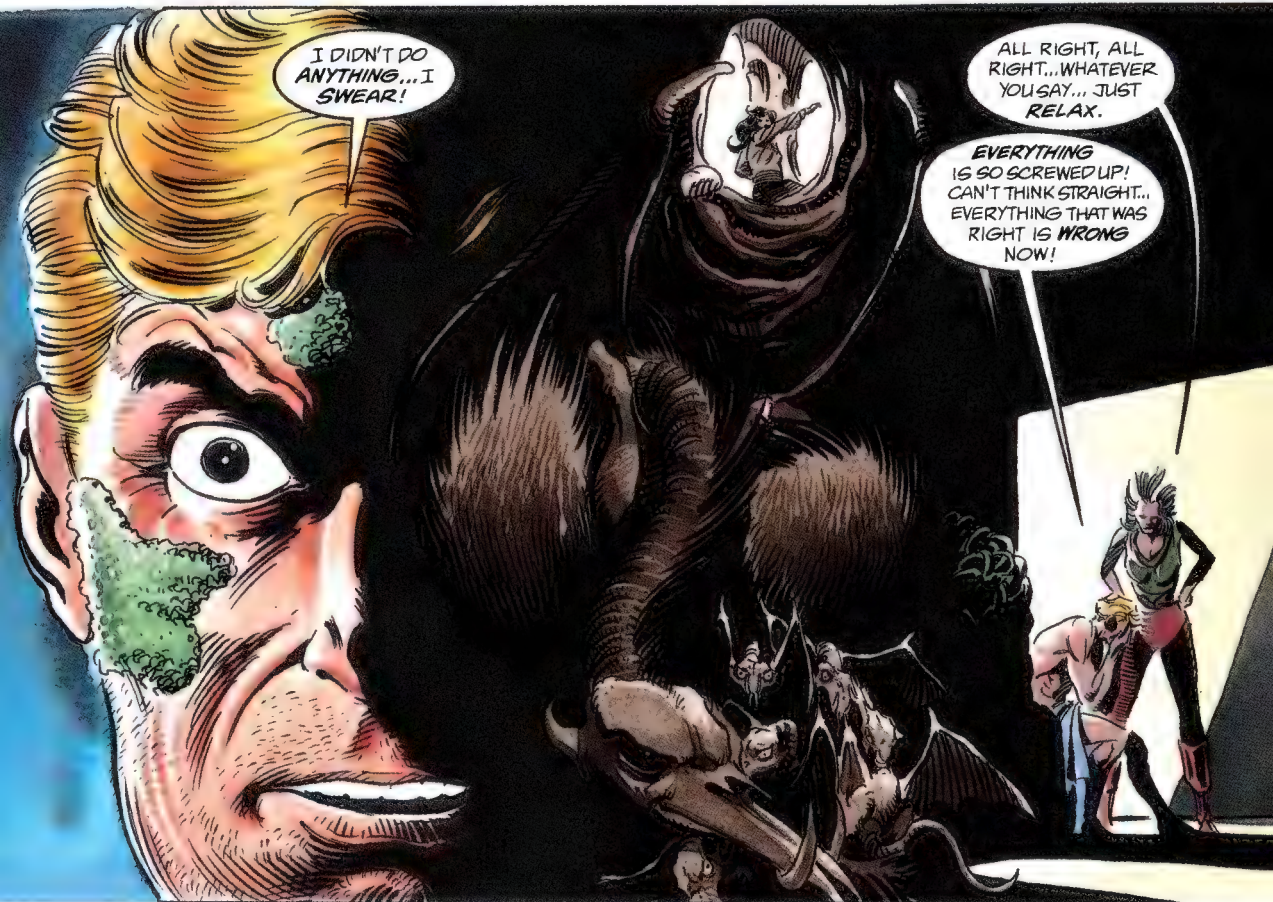
REALLY? WHAT DID
YOU DO TO **PROVOKE**
IT THAT TIME?

NOTHING!

YOUNG MAN,
THEY **NEVER** ATTACK
UNPROVOKED.



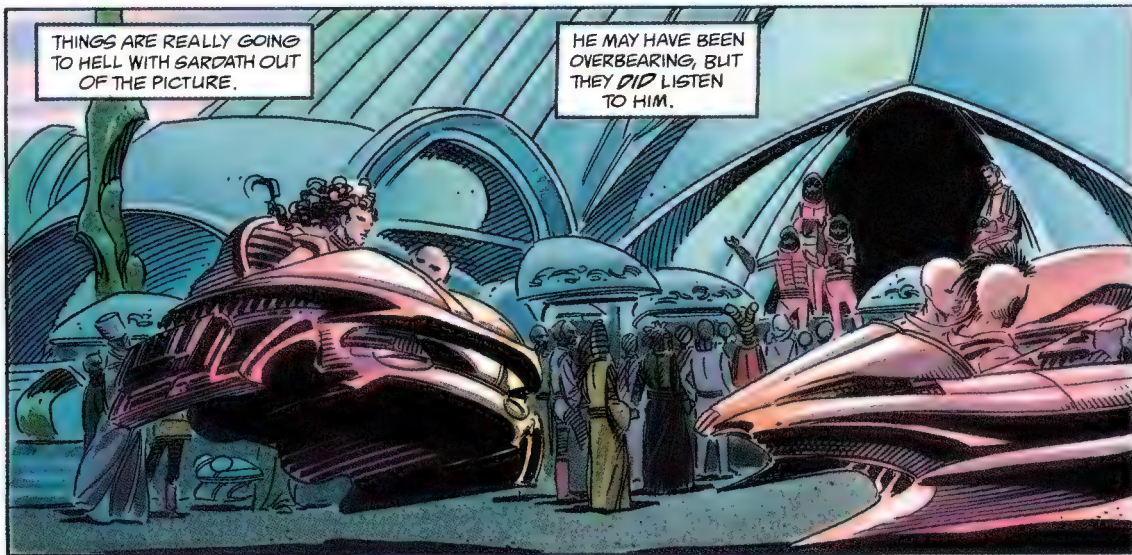
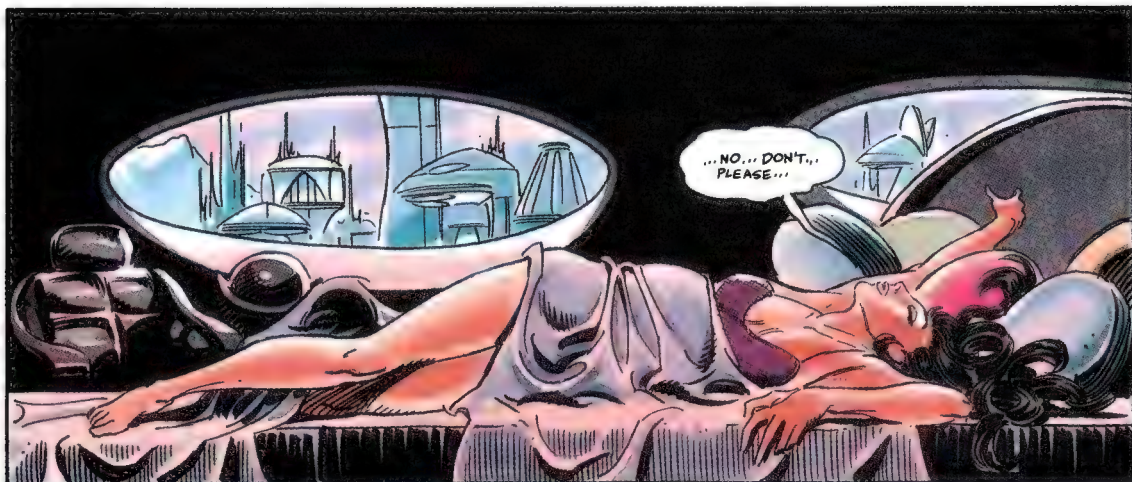
WERE YOU "RESEARCHING
LOCAL HABITAT" IN THE
AREA OF THEIR NEST
CAVES?



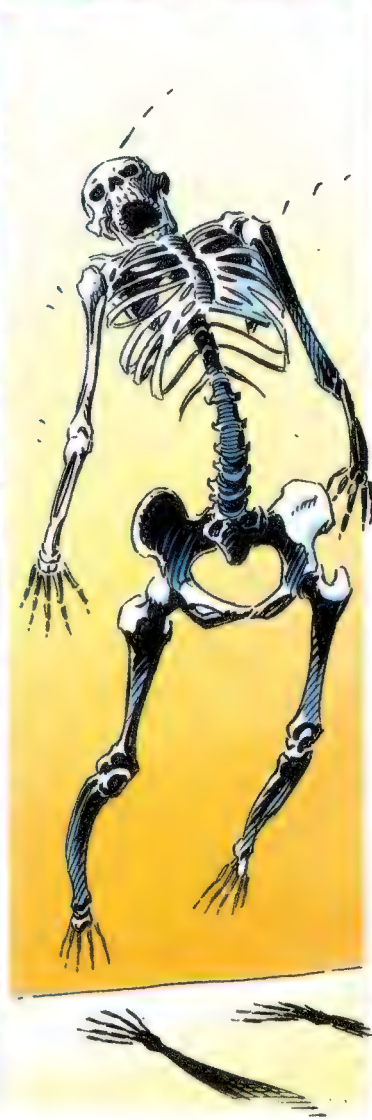
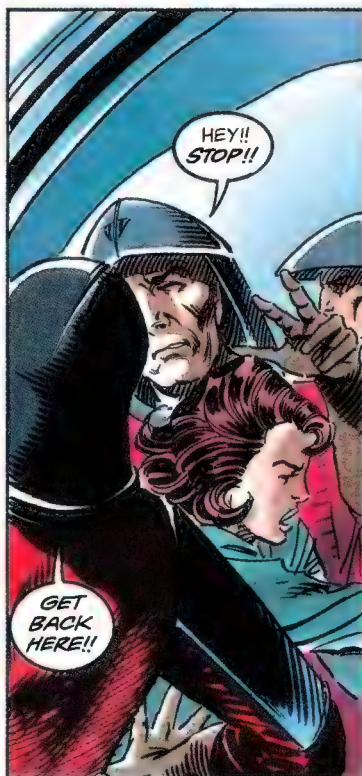
I DIDN'T DO
ANYTHING... I
SWEAR!

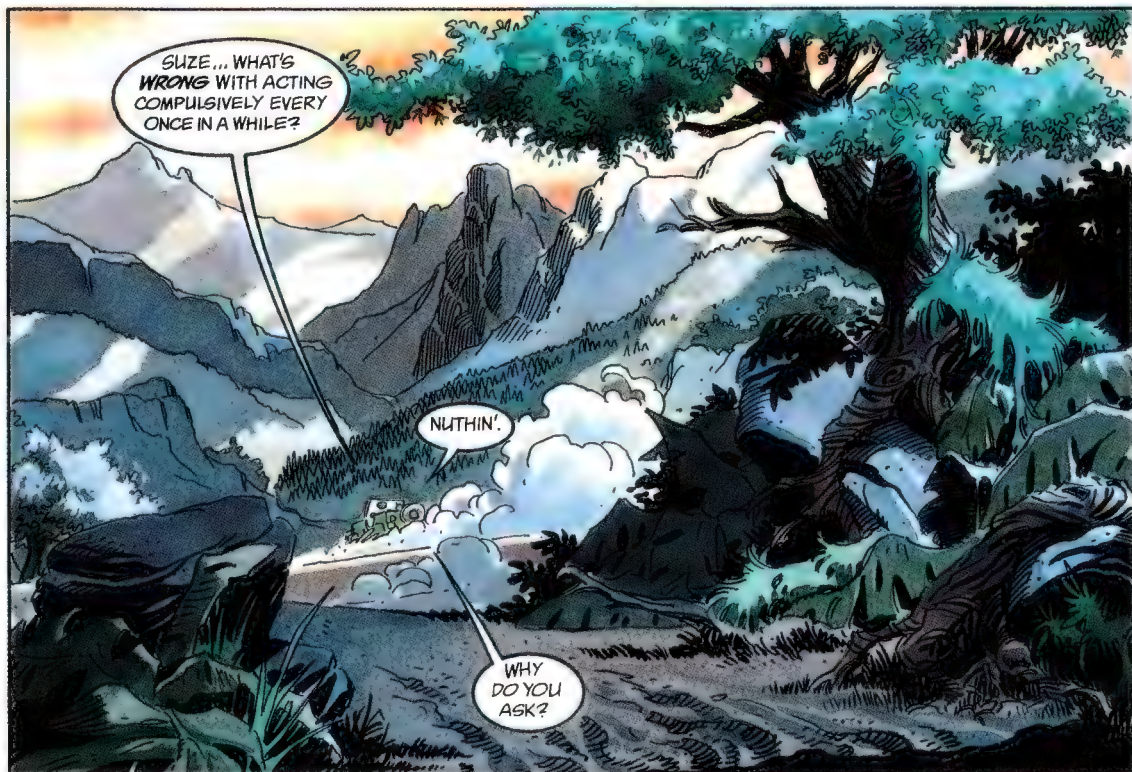
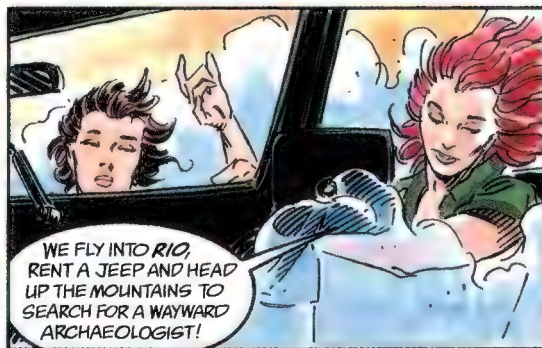
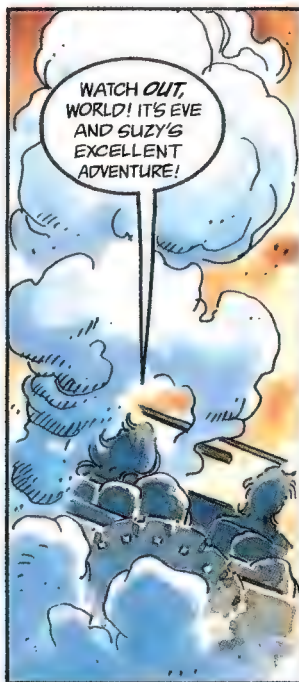
ALL RIGHT, ALL
RIGHT... WHATEVER
YOU SAY... JUST
RELAX.

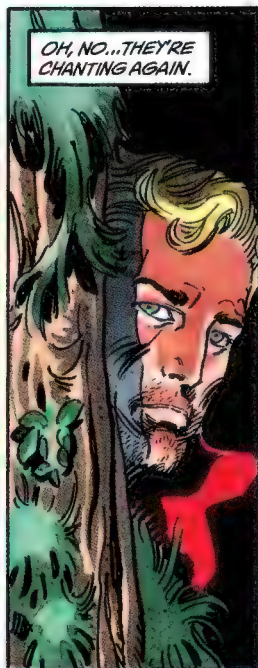
EVERYTHING
IS SO SCREWED UP!
CAN'T THINK STRAIGHT...
EVERYTHING THAT WAS
RIGHT IS **WRONG**
NOW!





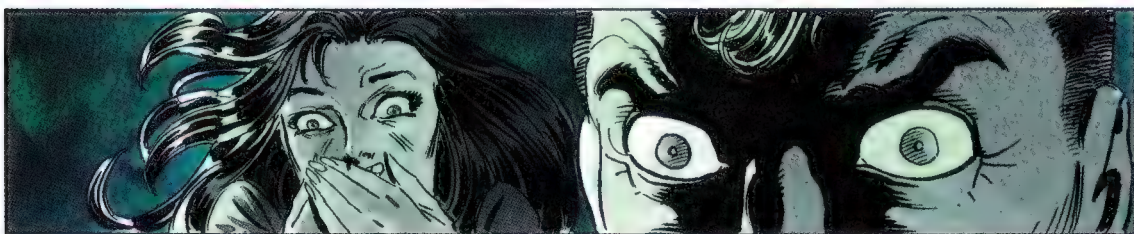
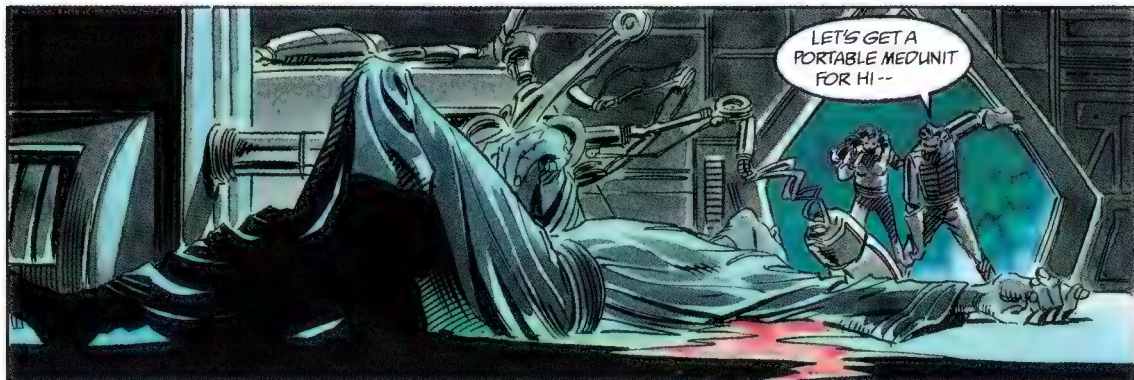
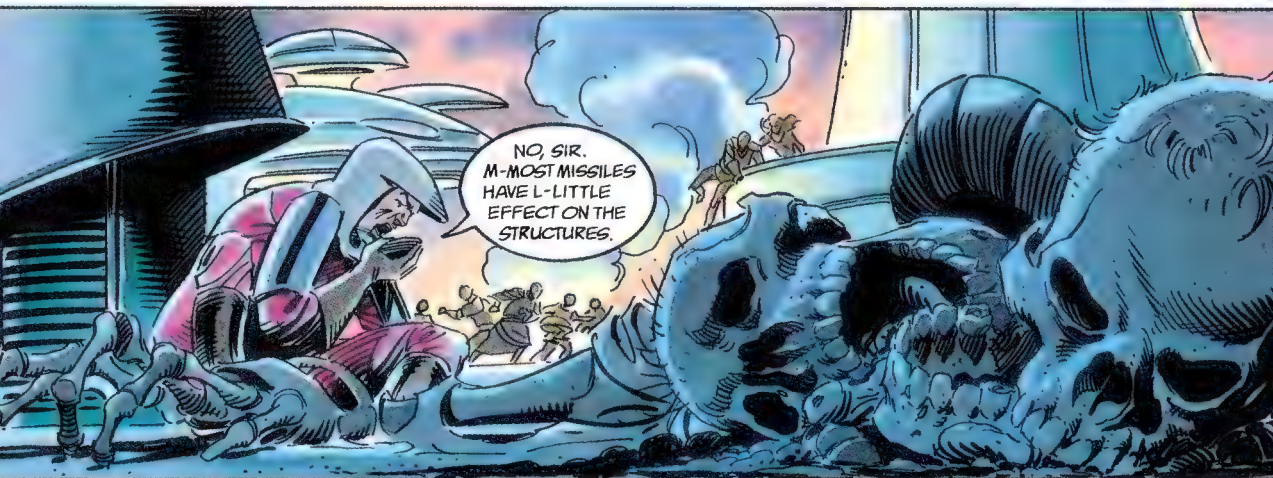


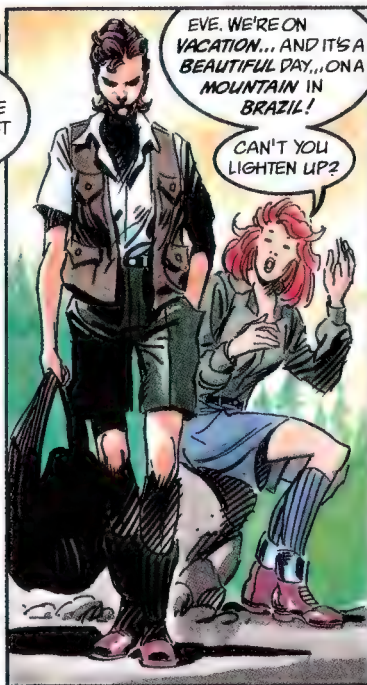


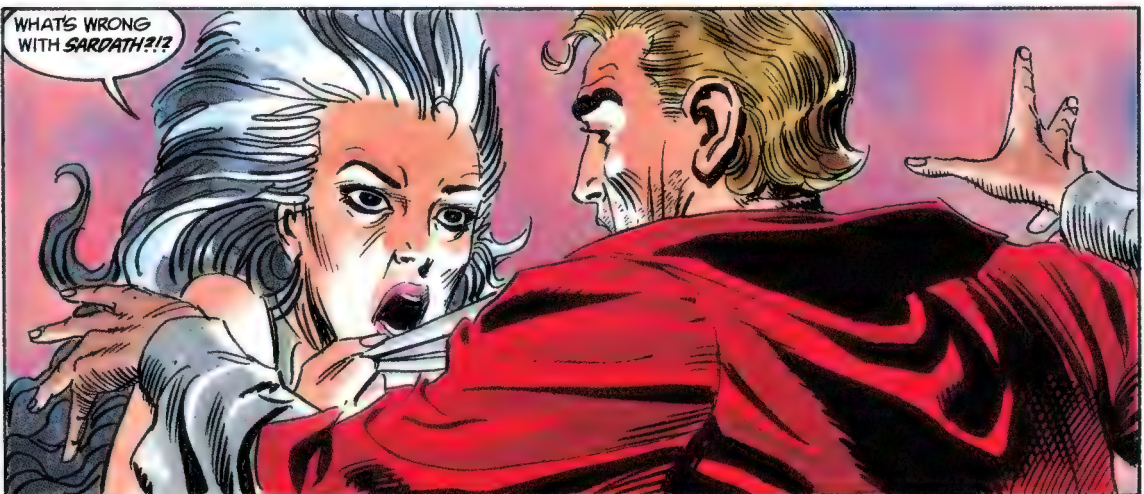
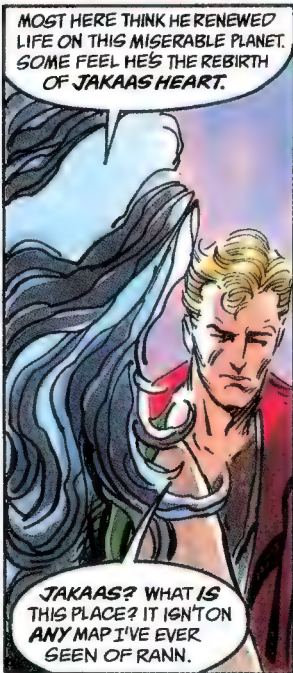


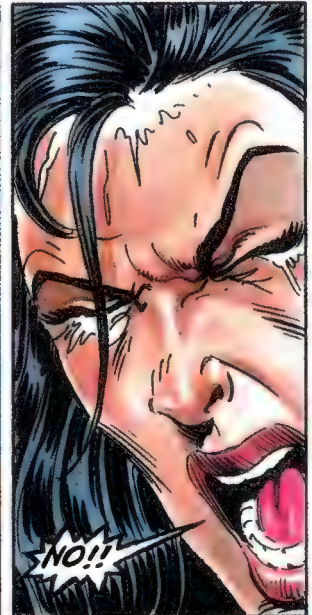
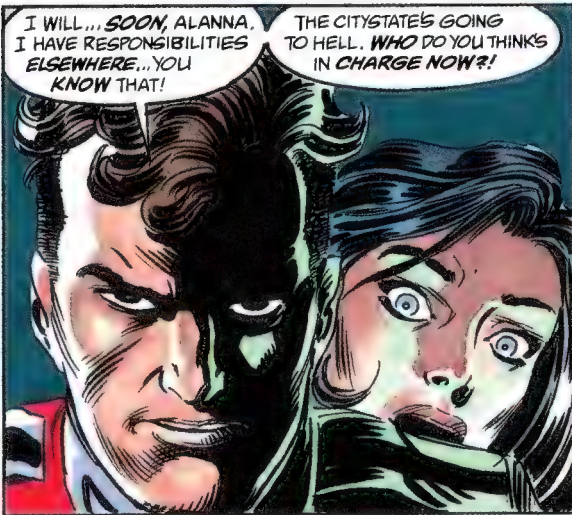
...JAKAAS SO SMALSH YEGGER...KOTO TOREEN HOLA...

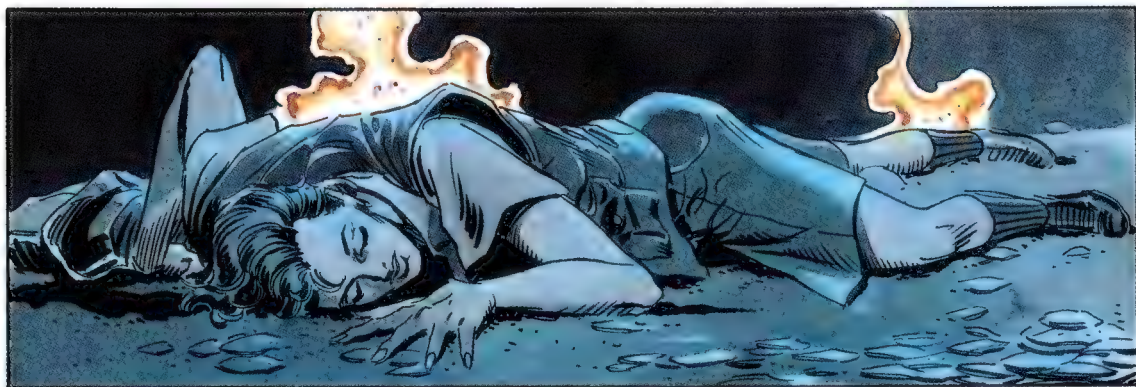






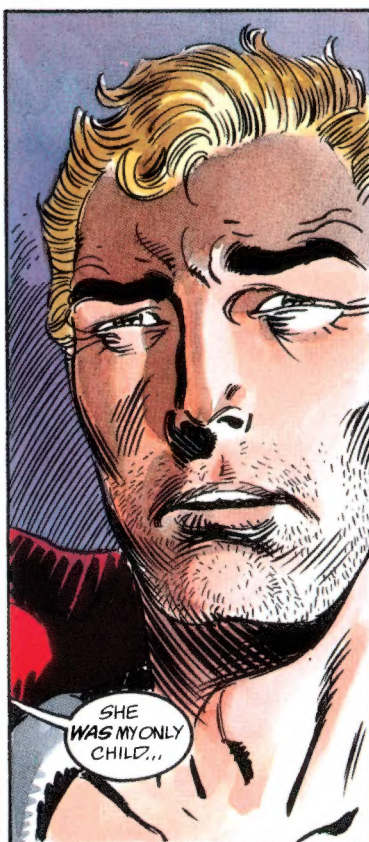
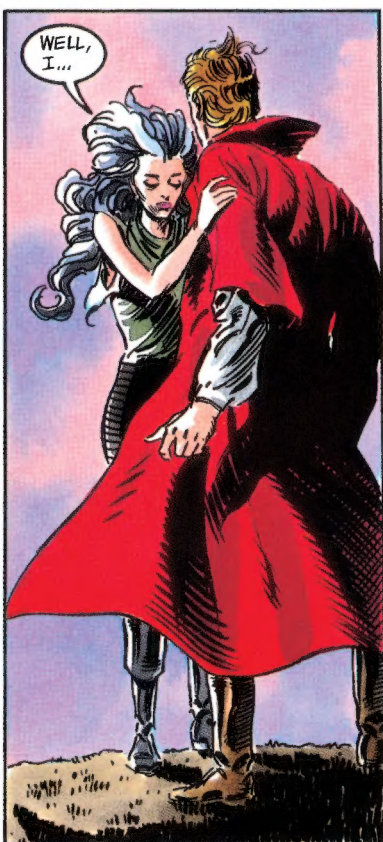
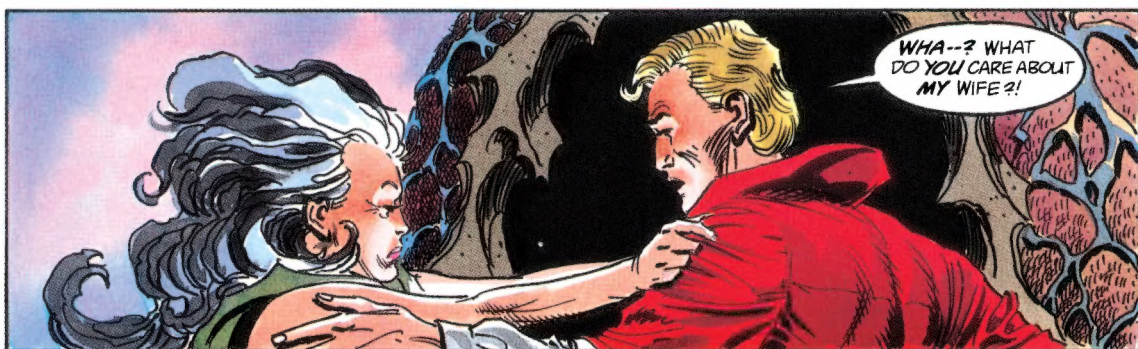


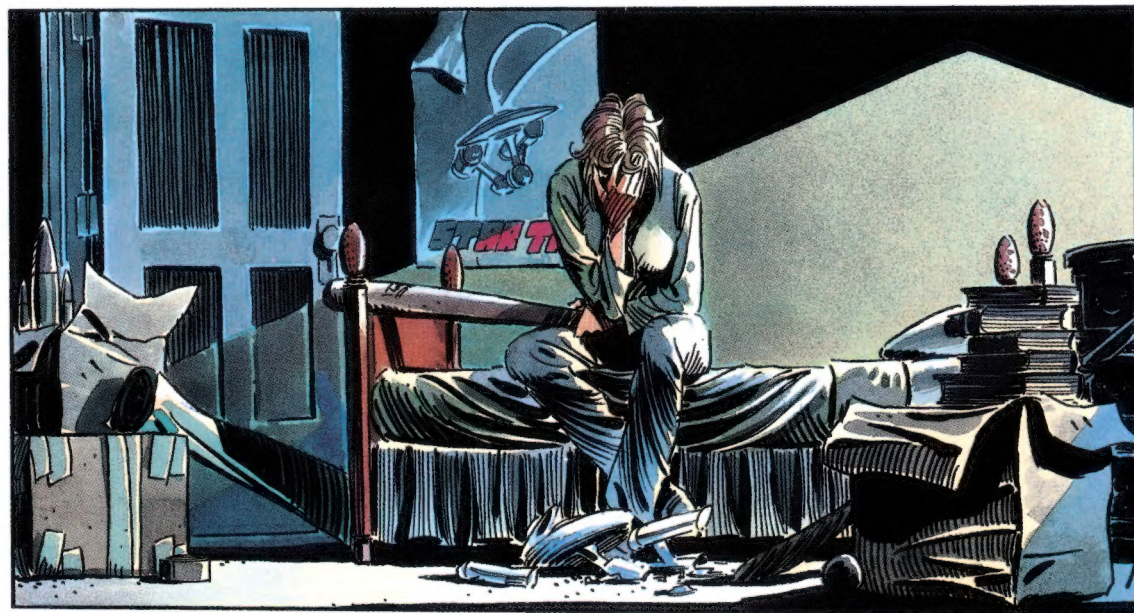
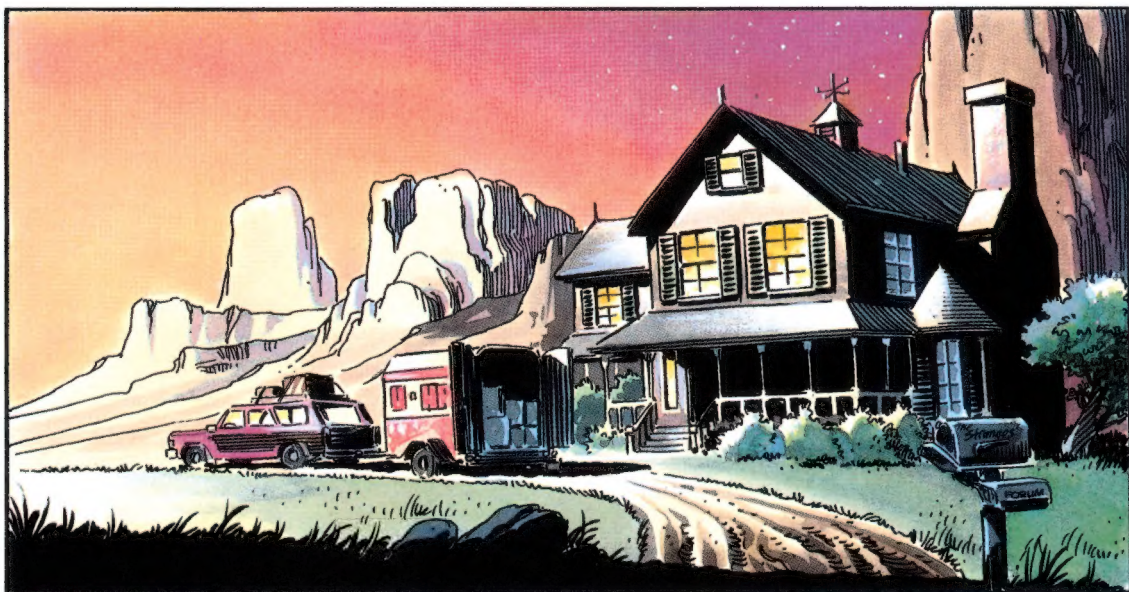




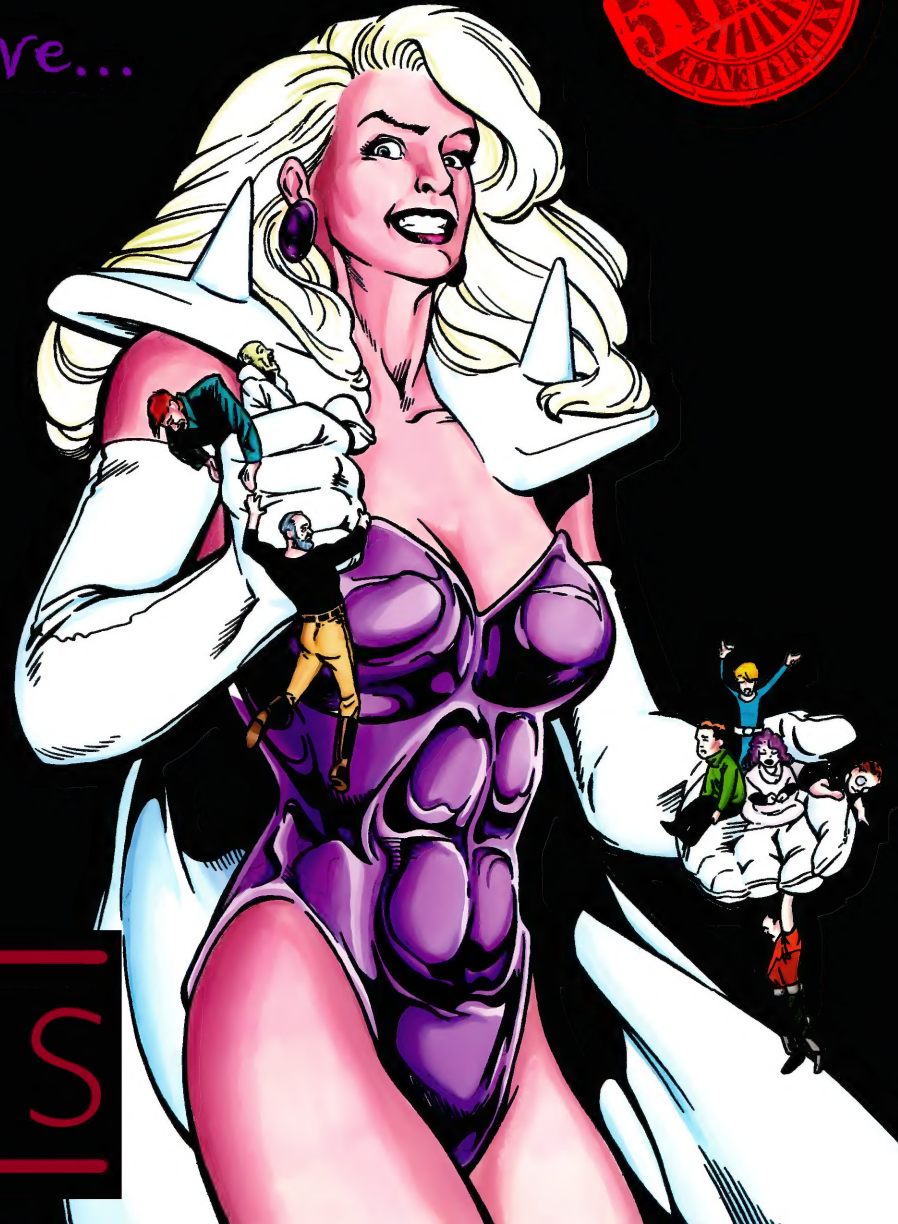


I AM
LOSING MY
MIND...





From Baaldur, with love...



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